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INDIAN RESERVATIONS IN CALIFORNIA.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF CALIFORNIA,

RELATIVE TO

Indian reservations in said State.

JUNE 14, 1860.—Referred to Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS relative to the Indian reserves in this State.

Whereas the Indian reserves in this State are entirely inadequate to answer the purposes intended by the general government; and whereas Round Valley, in Mendocino county, containing an area of about twenty-five thousand acres, is, owing to its isolated position, the mildness of its climate, the richness of its soil, and its general adaptation to the requirements of the Indian race, peculiarly suited to the purposes of an Indian reservation; and whereas the greater portion of the said valley is at present occupied by settlers, who have made extensive and valuable improvements therein, for which they should receive fair and just compensation before being required to abandon them: Therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That our senators and representatives in Congress be instructed and requested to use every honorable exertion to procure such action on the part of the general government as will provide for the appropriation of the entire valley aforesaid, and the surrounding country, bounded by the nearest ford of Eel river, on the south and west, and by the summit of the coast range on the north and east, for the purpose of an Indian reserve; and also to urge the appropriation of a sufficient sum of money to remunerate the citizens of said valley for their improvements, grain, and such other property as they may desire to dispose of, which may be necessary for the use and convenience of the reserve.

Resolved, That our senators and representatives be instructed and requested to urge upon the federal authorities to cede to the State of California the entire jurisdiction over Indians and Indian affairs within

our borders, together with such appropriations of land and money as will be adequate for the proper management and support of the Indians; also, an appropriation of money for the payment of the Indian war indebtedness, incurred in the suppression of Indian hostilities in this State.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward to each of our senators and representatives a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

Approved April 25, A. D. 1860.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
Department of State.

I, Johnson Price, secretary of state of the State of California, do hereby certify that the annexed is a true, full, and correct copy of concurrent resolutions relative to Indian reserves in this State, approved April 25, 1860, now on file in my office.

Witness my hand and the great seal of State at office in Sacramento [L. s.] California, the 11th day of May, A. D. 1860.

JOHNSON PRICE,
Secretary of State.