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INDIAN RESERVATION IN SISKIYOU COUNTY.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF CALIFORNIA,

RELATIVE TO

The establishment of an Indian reservation in Siskiyou County.

MARCH 9, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Whereas there are a large number of Indians, aggregating some seven or eight hundred, in Siskiyou County, in this State, who are in a destitute condition and unable to support themselves by hunting, fishing, and gathering roots and herbs of spontaneous growth, their customary sources of food prior to the settlement of the country by the whites, and who now rely for a precarious subsistence partly on the charity of their white neighbors, partly on petty thieving, and still more on an illicit and immoral commerce between their females and the most degraded of the white population; and

Whereas the interests, if not the safety of the white population, as well as the welfare of the Indians, demand that the latter should no longer be permitted to roam at will through the settlements, and be compelled to resort, as at present, to questionable or illegal and immoral methods for obtaining a livelihood:

Be it resolved by the senate and assembly, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their influence with the proper officers of the Federal Government to procure the establishment of a reservation in Quartz Valley, in said Siskiyou County, and to have the Indians now roaming at large over the country collected on such reservation, and there provided for and protected by the Federal Government.

Resolved further, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

R. PACHECO,
President of the Senate.
MORRIS M. ESTEE,
Speaker of the Assembly.