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RESOLUTION  
OF  
THE LEGISLATURE OF RHODE ISLAND,

IN REFERENCE TO

*The opening of the Indian Territory for settlement.*

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FEBRUARY 23, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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This general assembly has noticed, with regret, an attempt which is being made to open for settlement, in violation of what is deemed to be treaty stipulations, the territory located between Kansas and Texas known as the Indian Territory. It is therefore

*Resolved, (the senate concurring with the house in the passage hereof,)* That the general assembly of Rhode Island, mindful of the obligations of the Federal Government to secure to the present inhabitants of that Territory the rightful and peaceful occupation thereof, hereby respectfully request our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best exertions to prevent the passage of any law by Congress which will interfere with the present occupation of the Indian Territory by the Indian inhabitants thereof.

*Resolved further,* That the efforts of the present national administration to introduce justice, honesty, and conciliation in dealing with the Indians meets with the cordial approbation of this general assembly.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State this 20th day of February, 1872.

[SEAL.]

JOHN R. BARTLETT,  
*Secretary of State.*