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HENRY WARREN.

RESOLUTION

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS,

INSTRUCTING

And requesting our congressional delegation to urge upon Congress the speedy re-imbusement of Henry Warren for losses incurred by reason of the destruction of his wagon-train and other property by the Comanche, Kiowa, and Cheyenne Indians.

JUNE 1, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Whereas on the eighteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, Henry Warren, a citizen of the State of Texas, being then engaged as Government contractor in the supply of forage at the military posts of Forts Griffin and Richardson, and using in his business wagons and mules for the purpose of transporting said supplies of forage, had in service upon the public highway between Jacksborough, Tex., and Fort Griffin, Tex., and in the county of Young, a train of ten wagons loaded with forage for the United States Government, and engaged in the faithful performance of his contract, said property was totally destroyed, seven of the teamsters of the train (all citizens of Texas) being brutally murdered without cause or provocation, and all the mules belonging to said train being taken and carried away by a party of marauding Indians from the Fort Sill reservation, under the leadership of Santanta and Big Tree, Kiowa chiefs, without any fault or negligence on the part of the said Henry Warren, to his great loss and detriment in business; and

Whereas on the twenty-fifth day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, another of the wagon-trains belonging to said Henry Warren, consisting of seven wagons loaded with forage for the United States Government, to be delivered at Fort Griffin, Tex., while on the public highway between Weatherford, Tex., and Fort Griffin, Tex., and in the county of Jack, was attacked by a party of marauding Cheyenne Indians, from the Cheyenne and Arapahoe agency, in the Indian Territory, and twenty-two of the mules belonging to said train were taken and carried away by the said Indians, to the great loss and detriment in business to the said Henry Warren; and

Whereas the said Henry Warren has by reason of the raids of the said Indians as aforesaid sustained a loss and damage of thirty-six thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars, (\$36,485,) as fully set

forth by his claim now on file in the Department of the Interior, and to be submitted to the action of the United States Congress; and

Whereas a period of three years has elapsed since the losses and damage as aforesaid were sustained by the said Henry Warren, his said claims having been promptly presented with full and sufficient proof of their correctness and justness, and this long delay having worked a great hardship and loss in business to the said Henry Warren, and up to this late date the Government having granted him no relief; and

Whereas the said Indian chiefs, Santanta and Big Tree, leaders of the raid on said Henry Warren's property, and engaged in the murder of his teamsters as aforesaid, were arrested, duly tried, and convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction, to wit, the district court of Jack County, State of Texas, and sentenced to death for their crimes as aforesaid, have been, at the special and urgent solicitation and request of officers and agents of the United States Government, released and set at large by the executive of the State of Texas, and the said Santanta and Big Tree being still at large, suffering no punishment for their crimes, and the said Big Tree being frequently and actively engaged in further depredations on the lives and property of the citizens of the State of Texas: Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the legislature of the State of Texas*, That our Representatives in Congress be requested and our Senators instructed to urge upon the Congress of the United States the justness of the claims of said Henry Warren, as well as all other claims for similar depredations which may be now on file in the Indian Bureau from citizens of the State of Texas, and the speedy passage of a bill or bills for their relief, reimbursing them for their losses incurred and damages sustained from these marauding Indians from the United States Government reservation in the Indian Territory.

SEC. 2. That the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives be requested to have a certified copy of this joint resolution furnished to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

SEC. 3. That this joint resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

R. B. HUBBARD,
President of the Senate.

J. F. BEALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

GUY M. BRYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. C. WALSH,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Approved March 20, 1874.

RICHARD COKE,
Governor.

A true copy.

Witness my hand and official seal, April 4, A. D. 1874.

[SEAL.]

A. W. DE BERRY,
Secretary of State.