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RESOLUTION
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA,

ASKING

Relief for Captain James Murrie.

APRIL 15, 1871.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

Whereas in the month of August, 1867, Captain James Murrie, commanding Company A, Pawnee Scouts, consisting of forty-eight men, engaged and routed one hundred and fifty men belonging to the Cheyenne Indians, under Turkey-Foot, their chief. Captain James Murrie and his men killed fifteen and captured two Indians, one being the son of Turkey-Foot; these two prisoners were saved from instant death by the bravery and courage of the said Captain James Murrie, he desiring to hold them as hostages for the exchange of some white prisoners held by the Cheyennes. A council of the Indians was subsequently held at North Platte, at which council Lieutenant General W. T. Sherman was present.

Whereas it appears that said council was successful in exchanging the two Indians (captured by Captain James Murrie) for six white women that had been captured from the settlements on the Platte River, and were restored to their respective families. The excessive scouting and exposure incurred all through this campaign very seriously impaired the health of said James Murrie, captain of Pawnee Scouts, Company A. Said Captain Murrie was again called out on the first day of April, 1869, and on the first day of July of the same year received what was supposed to be sun-stroke, but which proved to be insanity, superinduced by the exposure of the several Indian campaigns through which Captain Murrie had passed.

Whereas said Captain Murrie has been and now is an inmate of the insane asylum, having a wife and three small children totally unprovided for, and as no provision is made under any of the military regulations, whereby a pension or half-pay can be claimed for service in the Indian campaigns on the Western frontier for any person or officer belonging to companies composed of Indians: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the legislature of the State of Nebraska, That in view of the distressed condition of the family of said Captain James Murrie, and his total incapacity to support them, we do most earnestly request our Senators and Representative in Congress to use their influence to obtain such relief as they may deem just and proper for the family of the said Captain James Murrie, Company A, Pawnee Scouts, and that

a certified copy of this resolution be sent to our Senators and Representative in Congress.

G. W. COLLINS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
E. E. CUNNINGHAM,
President of the Senate.

Approved March 24, A. D. 1871.

WILLIAM H. JAMES,
Acting Governor.

L. E. CROPSEY,
Assistant Clerk House of Representatives.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, *Secretary's Department* :

I, William H. James, secretary of the State of Nebraska, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the foregoing copy of memorial and joint resolution for the relief of Captain James Murrie, passed by the legislative assembly of this State, during the eighth session thereof, and approved by the governor the 24th day of March, 1871, with the original rolls on file in this office, and that the same is a true and perfect copy of said memorial and joint resolution.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State of Nebraska. Done at Lincoln this 8th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, of the independence of the United States the ninety-fifth, and of this State the fifth.

[SEAL.]

WM. H. JAMES,
Secretary of State.

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