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FLORIDA, RESOLUTIONS LEGISLATURE OF—GEORGIA BOUNDARY.

DECEMBER 15, 1828.

Read, and laid upon the table.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of the present Legislative Council of Florida, that the sixth article of the treaty between Spain and the United States, of the 22d of February, 1819, secures to the inhabitants then occupying, and those who may occupy, the ceded Territory, as Spain held them under the treaty of 1795, an admission into the Union, as soon as it may be consistent with the principles of the Federal Constitution; and that any diminution of its limits, or alteration of its lines, will be a manifest violation of the supreme law; an act of oppression to the inhabitants of the ceded territory, and of injustice to the United States.

*Resolved, further*, That the Legislative Council, representing the People of the ceded territory, respectfully, in the name of the said People, protest against the passage of any law, that will change the boundary between this Territory and Georgia; and that our Delegate in Congress be requested to continue his exertions in resisting the pretensions, now set up by Georgia, to 1500 thousand acres of the land ceded by Spain to the United States.

*Resolved, further*, That Commissioners ought to be appointed, in behalf of the Territory, to ascertain the true sources of the St. Mary's, so that our rights may be defended on facts, as well as the treaty; and to make a report at an early period of the approaching session of Congress.

*Be it therefore resolved*, That the Governor appoint three fit and discreet persons, as Commissioners, to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect; and that any two of them, provided the other cannot attend, are hereby empowered to act.

*Resolved, further*, That our Delegate be requested to obtain an order for ascertaining the true boundary between Florida and Alabama, or the passage of a law for that object.

*Resolved, further*, That the said Delegate be requested to use his exertions to remove the Florida Indians from this Territory."

Adopted this 23d November, 1828.

THOS. MUNROE,  
Clerk Legislative Council Florida.