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RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF INDIANA,

IN RELATION

To the right of pre-emption to the "Miami Reserve" in that State.

FEBRUARY 13, 1838.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

A memorial and joint resolution relative to the public lands in the State of Indiana.

Whereas the State of Indiana has recently embarked in and is now vigorously and earnestly prosecuting various works of internal improvement, by the construction of canals, rail and Macadamized turnpike roads, by the commencement and construction of which the public lands within the limits of said State, which would otherwise have remained unbought and unsettled for years to come, have been purchased and are rapidly populating by an industrious and enterprising people; that in the construction of all the public works in which the State is now engaged, all her possible means and resources will, of necessity, be called into requisition; and whereas by a late treaty a portion of the lands belonging to the Miami Indians within the State of Indiana, known as the "Miami Reserve," has been purchased by the General Government, which land, by reason of its contiguity to a portion of the public works adopted by said State, will, in a few years, become very valuable, and that if a pre-emption were granted to the State, allowing her to purchase the whole of said land at the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, it would, by prudent management, in a few years, add to the means of the State and aid her in the prosecution of her public works, so meritoriously begun: therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be earnestly requested to use every exertion to procure the passage of a law authorizing the State of Indiana to purchase the whole of said land recently purchased by the United States of the Miami Indians, within the limits of the said State, at the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, to be by her again sold, and the proceeds thereof applied to the construction of her internal improvements.

