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Florida Volunteers. Resolutions of the General Assembly of Florida, relative to the payment of certain companies of volunteers

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PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS relative to the payment of certain companies of Florida volunteers.

Whereas, immediately after Indian hostilities in the year 1849, volunteer companies were raised by Captains S. L. Sparkman, J. Parker, R. D. Bradley, E. E. Mizzell, and A. Jonnigan, upon the frontier settlements of this State, for the protection of the citizens against the Seminole Indians; and whereas said companies furnished their own supplies, and devoted their whole time to said service, thereby rendering good and efficient service in protecting the lives and property of the frontier citizens of this State against the rapine of that miscreant and savage tribe of Indians now remaining within our borders; and whereas it is believed by the General Assembly that, according to the treaty of Payne’s Landing, the general government is bound to protect the citizens of this State against said Indians, and to pay all just sums incurred in and about the same:
Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly Convened, That our senators and representative in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to use their influence to have said companies placed upon the same footing that the volunteers are placed that were ordered out by the governor.

Be it further resolved, That our senators and representative in Congress be requested to procure an appropriation for the payment of the expenses incurred by the volunteers ordered out by the governor of this State in the year 1849, and also a sufficient appropriation for the payment of the aforesaid volunteers.

Be it further resolved, That the governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to our senators and representative in Congress.

[Passed the House of Representatives January 20, 1851. Passed the Senate January 20, 1851. Approved by the governor January 23, 1851.]

A true copy—attest:

C. W. DOWNING,
Secretary of State.