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RESOLUTION
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA,

DECLARING

That the State is bound to enforce her rights, under the treaty of Payne's Landing, by expelling the Seminole Indians.

FEBRUARY 17, 1853.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTION relative to the Seminole Indians.

Whereas there is positive evidence before the people of Florida that solemn treaty hath been entered into between the Seminole Indians and the federal government; and whereas the people of Florida have waited with patience and forbearance, daily and monthly expecting the removal of said Indians; and whereas said Indians are still occupying the best and fairest portions of our State, defying all powers, and refusing to comply with their solemn treaty obligations, thus obstructing the growth and prosperity of the State; and whereas the lives and property of the citizens on the frontier are daily subject to be destroyed by these desperate and lawless Indians; and whereas, in the opinion of the present legislature assembled, forbearance ceases to be a virtue:

Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representative requested, to inform the President of the United States that the State of Florida is bound, in justice to her citizens, as a sovereign State, to enforce her rights, under the treaty of Payne's Landing, by expelling the Seminole Indians.

Be it further resolved, That his excellency the governor be and is hereby requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to our senators and representatives in Congress.

Passed the Senate January 11, 1853.

Passed the House of Representatives January 12, 1853.

Approved by the governor January 14, 1853.