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REIMBURSE TEXAS FOR EXPENDITURES IN DEFENDING
HER FRONTIER.

JOINT RESOLUTION

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS,

CALLING

Upon the United States government, to refund the money heretofore paid out by the State of Texas for defence of her frontier since the 28th day of February, 1855.

JANUARY 20, 1858.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting our representatives and instructing our senators in the United States Congress to call upon the United States government to refund the money heretofore paid out by the State of Texas for the defence of her frontier since the 28th day of February, 1855.

Whereas, under the compact of annexation, the State of Texas is entitled to protection from the depredations of Indians by the government of the United States; and whereas that protection in many instances has not been afforded to the exposed portions of the frontier since 28th February, A. D. 1855, in consequence whereof the governor of this State has, from time to time, been compelled to order rangers or volunteers into the field to protect the lives and property of our citizens against predatory bands of Indians which have infested our frontier; and whereas the legislature has appropriated nearly one hundred thousand dollars out of the treasury of the State to pay the troops so called out, which sums of money have not been refunded to the State by the United States, therefore—

Resolved, That our senators in the United States Congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to urge upon the government of the United States the necessity of refunding the amount of money paid out by Texas for the defence of the frontier at the earliest day possible; and that the governor be requested to furnish each of our senators and representatives in the United States Congress, and the Secretary of War, with a copy of this preamble and resolution, ac-

accompanied by a full statement of all the sums of money paid by State for the defence of the frontier, as aforesaid.

WILLIAM S. TAYLOR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
H. R. RUNNELS,
President of the Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Austin, Texas, November 23, 1857.

I, the undersigned, secretary of state of the State of Texas, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true copy of the original joint resolution now on file in this department.

Witness my name and the seal of the Department of State, the day [L. s.] and year aforesaid.

EDWARD CLARK,
Secretary of State.