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MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IOWA,

IN BEHALF OF

James B. Thomas and family, sufferers by Indian depredations.

FEBRUARY 24, 1858.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION of the general assembly of the State of Iowa to Congress for the relief of James B. Thomas and family.

Whereas James B. Thomas, a natural born citizen of the United States, does most respectfully represent, that, in consequence of the acts of a company of some forty Indians of the Sioux tribe, in the month of March, 1857, he has been deprived of all his property, as set forth in the accompanying petition, and that one of his sons was instantly killed, and himself wounded in the arm by the Indians—the wound of such a nature as to render the amputation of the limb necessary in order to preserve his life; and that he also lost another child from the effects of the intense cold experienced while fleeing from the Indians for safety, and that he is now entirely destitute, and in a great measure unable to support his family.

Your memorialists would most respectfully ask your honorable body to grant a sufficient remuneration to said James B. Thomas and family for the loss sustained in consequence of the barbarous acts of said Indians.

Resolved by the general assembly of the State of Iowa, That our senators and representatives in Congress be instructed and requested to use all their influence to procure the passage of an act for the relief of said James B. Thomas and family; and that, in view of the facts set forth in the memorial, we deem it but an act of common justice on the part of the general government to remunerate said Thomas and family for the property and loss sustained in consequence of Indian depredations.

Resolved, That the secretary of state forward a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

STEPHEN B. SHELLY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ORAN FAVILLE,

President of the Senate.

Approved February 16, 1858.

RALPH P. LOWE.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original roll on file in my office.

ELIJAH SELLS, *Secretary of State.*