

University of Oklahoma College of Law

## University of Oklahoma College of Law Digital Commons

---

American Indian and Alaskan Native Documents in the Congressional Serial Set: 1817-1899

---

3-5-1858

### Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Iowa, in favor of granting bounty land to the volunteers of the Spirit Lake Expedition, in March, 1857.

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.law.ou.edu/indianserialset>



Part of the [Indigenous, Indian, and Aboriginal Law Commons](#)

---

#### Recommended Citation

H.R. Misc. Doc. No. 47, 35th Cong., 1st Sess. (1858)

This House Miscellaneous Document is brought to you for free and open access by University of Oklahoma College of Law Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in American Indian and Alaskan Native Documents in the Congressional Serial Set: 1817-1899 by an authorized administrator of University of Oklahoma College of Law Digital Commons. For more information, please contact [Law-LibraryDigitalCommons@ou.edu](mailto:Law-LibraryDigitalCommons@ou.edu).

INDEMNITY FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN DEFENDING  
THE SETTLEMENTS AT SPIRIT LAKE AGAINST INDIAN  
INVASIONS.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IOWA,

ASKING

*Indemnity for expenses incurred in defending the settlements at Spirit  
Lake against Indian invasions.*

FEBRUARY 9, 1858.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION asking Congress to appropriate a sum sufficient to the State of Iowa to indemnify the said State for all necessary expenses incurred in an expedition raised under authority of the governor of the State of Iowa to relieve the settlements at Spirit Lake, in March, A. D. 1857.

Your memorialists, the general assembly of the State of Iowa, would respectfully represent that, in consequence of the hostile invasion of the State by a band of Sioux Indians, in the month of March, A. D. 1857, whereby a large number of the citizens of this State were brutally murdered, and a considerable amount of property destroyed; and whereas, in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of this State, it became necessary to raise, arm, and equip a company of men to march to the relief of the settlements; and whereas, under the authority of the governor of this State, a company of nearly one hundred men was so raised, armed, and equipped, and did march to the scene of the massacre, thereby incurring considerable expense, and suffering almost unheard of hardships, and thereby relieving a number of families from starvation, and burying the bodies of the murdered:

Your memorialists would therefore respectfully ask of your honorable bodies that a law may be passed providing for the payment to the State of Iowa all the expenses incurred by the said State in consequence of said hostile invasion as aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That the senators from this State be instructed, and the

representatives requested, to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a law appropriating a sum as asked for in the foregoing memorial, and that the secretary of state forward a copy thereof to each.

STEPHEN B. SHELLEDY,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
ORAN FAVILLE,  
*President of the Senate.*

Approved January 30, 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.*