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INDIAN RESERVATIONS IN GEORGIA.

RESOLVES

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA,

ASKING

The extinguishment of title to Indian reservations in that State.

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

RESOLUTION.

Whereas by the compact of 1802, between the State of Georgia and the United States, the United States agreed to extinguish the Indian title to all the lands within the limits of the State of Georgia not ceded to the United States by said compact; and whereas, by the treaties of 1817, between the United States and the Cherokee nation, the United States do agree to give to each and every head of an Indian family residing on the east side of the Mississippi river on lands there, or that might thereafter be surrendered to the United States, a reservation of six hundred and forty acres of land, in which the heads of Indian families will have a life estate, with a reversion in fee simple to their children, reserving to the widow her dower, &c.

And whereas most of the heads of those Indian families are dead and their children are now coming forward and demanding the fee-simple titled vested in them by the treaties aforesaid, and at the same time threatening citizens who own those reservations in pursuance of titles guaranteed to them by the State of Georgia; and whereas it is the duty of the United State, in pursuance of the compact of 1802, to extinguish the Indian title to said reservations, and thereby relieve the State from the expense and trouble of defending the rights of her citizens against those threatened actions of ejectment:

Be it therefore resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the State of Georgia in general assembly met, That our senators be instructed, and our representatives in Congress requested, to use their best efforts in procuring the passage of a law by which the Indian title

to those reservations may be extinguished and liquidated, not only as an act of justice to the State, but also in fulfillment of treaty obligations to the reservees.

JOHN W. H. UNDERWOOD,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Attest :

ALEX. M. SPEAR, *Clerk of the House.*

JOHN E. WARD,
President of the Senate.

Attest :

W. B. TERHUNE, *Secretary of the Senate.*

Approved December 14, 1857.

JOSEPH E. BROWN,
Governor.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,
Milledgeville, Georgia, December 30, 1857.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution in relation to Indian reserves east of the Mississippi river, &c., as appears from the enrolled resolution on file in this office.

Given under my hand and seal of office, the day and year afore-
[L. s.] said.

E. P. WATKINS,
Secretary of State.