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MILITARY POST AT JUNCTION OF WICHITA AND RED RIVERS.

JOINT RESOLUTION

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

ASKING FOR

The establishment of a military post at or near the junction of the Wichita and Red rivers, &c., &c.

MARCH 11, 1858.—That part relating to the military post referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that part relating to the Indians referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Whereas it is a fact ascertained to the satisfaction of the governor, that the depredations committed upon the frontier citizens of this State is done chiefly by United States Indians, who enter our Territory about the junction of the larger Wichita and Red rivers, near which there is no military station or post; and whereas it is believed by many well informed citizens living on the frontier that the Comanche and other Indians, who are fed by the United States on the Texas Indian reserve, are also directly or indirectly engaged with them in those hostile forays which is rendering the civilizing and feeding policy of the government unpopular, if not useless, which would not be so if it were efficiently carried out: therefore—

Be it resolved by the legislature of the State of Texas, That the governor be, and he is hereby, requested to urge upon the authorities of the federal government at Washington, the great necessity of the immediate establishment of a military post as near the junction of the larger Wichita and Red rivers as practicable, and that the Indian agents in charge of the Indians on the Texas Indian reserve be instructed to require every male Indian over the age of twelve years to be upon the reserve under his control every day, unless such Indian or Indians have his special written permission to be absent; and

that such agents be instructed not to permit any Indian or Indians to be absent from said reservations by special permission more than three days, at any time, unless they are accompanied by some white man or men, to be sent with them by them, to prevent them from committing depredations on the citizens of the country, or communicating with other Indians not known to be at peace with Texas, or sent with white men as guides, hunters, &c., or sent by said agents as spies or express bearers; and that the agents be required to enforce these instructions, and that the government furnish and keep constantly at each reserve a sufficient military force to enable the agents to carry out such instructions; and that our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to co-operate with the governor in accomplishing the objects of this resolution; and that the governor be requested to furnish each of them, and the President, and Secretary of War, and Secretary of the Interior of the United States with a copy of the same.

Approved January 29, 1858.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
February 1, 1858.

I, the undersigned, secretary of state of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct copy of the original joint resolution on file in the department of state.

Given under my hand and the seal of the department of state the [L. s.] day and year first above written.

T. S. ANDERSON,
Secretary of State.