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LATE INDIAN WAR IN THE TERRITORY OF WASHINGTON.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF WASHINGTON,

RELATIVE TO

The reports made by General Wool concerning the late Indian war in that Territory.

APRIL 7, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS relative to the false reports made by General Wool concerning the late Indian war in Washington Territory.

Whereas, during the late Indian war in this Territory, "General Wool and others" falsely and maliciously slandered the citizens and volunteer forces of this Territory, and utterly failed to give the citizens of this Territory adequate protection by the regular forces under his control; and

Whereas the late legislative assembly failed to mature resolutions condemnatory of the strange and unnatural course pursued in the late Indian war by General Wool and Colonel Wright, and also failed to pass resolutions commendatory of the late volunteer organization of Washington Territory: Therefore—

Be it resolved, That while we most unqualifiedly condemn the course pursued by General Wool and Colonel Wright in the late Indian war, we respect and admire the gallant conduct of the junior officers of the regular army engaged therein.

Resolved, That the people of this Territory are mainly indebted to the courage, gallantry, and discipline of the late volunteer organization for the subjugation of the hostile Indians west of the Cascade mountains, and for the restoration of peace to our settlements; and to the volunteer organization of Washington Territory are the people mainly indebted for the general peace that now prevails.

Resolved, That the patriotism evinced and the promptness shown by men of industry, intelligence, honesty, and probity, enrolling themselves in the service of the Territory at the call of the executive; the hardships they encountered, the fatiguing scouts they endured,

the forts they erected, the roads and trails they opened into the enemy's country, and the victories they achieved, often over superior numbers, justly entitle them—officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates—to the unfeigned and heartfelt thanks of this legislature and the lasting gratitude of the people of this Territory.

Resolved, That it is with pleasure we acknowledge the zeal and efficiency displayed by Governor Stevens in his management of the war, and that to the prompt and faithful discharge of his duty, and for his unceasing labors and untiring energy, are the people of the Territory largely indebted for the tranquillity that now prevails; that the war was conducted not only with vigor, but with economy and good judgment, and that to him and the heads of departments, and his efficient subordinate officers generally, we tender our thanks, and those of the people whom we represent.

Resolved, That while condemning in the strongest terms the imbecile and miserable counsels of General Wool, which have prevailed, and which have given direction to the course pursued since the commencement of the war east of the Cascade mountains by the regular army, and though we honor him for his former valuable services to our common country, we pity the man, and allow his foul slanders to fall with contempt at our feet, and appeal with confidence to our kindred and fellow-countrymen of the United States, with the firm reliance of receiving justice at their hands, though it has been long delayed.

Passed the house of representatives January 23, 1858.

J. S. M. VANCELEVE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the council January 16, 1858.

C. C. PAGETT,
President of the Council.

A true copy. Attest:

[SEAL.]

C. H. MASON,
Secretary of Territory.