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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 10, 1866.—Considered, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WADE introduced the following

RESOLUTION,

Protesting against the removal and location of the Sioux Indians of Minnesota in the settled portion of Nebraska, &c.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

May 10, 1866.

Whereas it is understood that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is now engaged in removing to and locating in one of the settled counties of Nebraska, and contiguous to the settled portions of Dakota, the Indians who were engaged in the Minnesota massacre in the year 1862, by which nearly a thousand defenceless men, women, and children were murdered in cold blood; and

Whereas said Indians were driven from the State of Minnesota by the outraged people of that State, in order to secure the future safety of the lives and property of its citizens; and

Whereas the removal and location of said Indians within our white settlements have been made without the consent and in direct opposition to the will of the citizens of northwestern Nebraska and Dakota, many of whom have purchased their lands from the government, and improved the same; and

Whereas it is apprehended that this act of the government will destroy the value of private property, and retard the settlement of the Territory of Dakota and northwestern Nebraska: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the facts, and report to this house, whether and to what extent the interests and safety of the people who have purchased the public lands, and migrated with their families to those Territories, on the assurance of the protection of the government, as well as the interests of the government itself in the settlement and growth of the said Territories, are likely to be compromised by this act; and if so, whether the same is necessitated by any considerations connected with the public interests; with leave to report such measures of relief as the circumstances of the case may, in their judgment, require.