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RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

IN RELATION TO

The treaty concluded on the 27th day of May, 1868, with the Great and Little Osage tribe of Indians.

JUNE 19, 1868.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

FORTIETH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *June 18, 1868.*

Resolved, As the sense of the House of Representatives, that the treaty concluded on the 27th day of May, 1868, with the Great and Little Osage tribe of Indians, both in its express terms and stipulations, and in the means employed to secure their acceptance by the Indians, is an outrage upon their rights; that in transferring to a single railroad corporation 8,000,000 acres of land, it not only disregards the rights and interests of other railroad corporations in the State of Kansas, and builds up a frightful land monopoly in defiance of the just rights of the settlers and of the people of the United States, but it assumes the authority repeatedly denied by this house to dispose of these lands by treaty, otherwise than by absolute cession to the United States, and for purposes for which Congress alone is competent to provide.

Resolved, As the sense of this house, that the objects, terms, conditions, and stipulations of the aforesaid pretended treaty are not within the treaty-making power, nor are they authorized either by the Constitution or laws of the United States; and therefore this house does hereby solemnly condemn the same, and does also, earnestly but respectfully, express the hope and expectation that the Senate will not ratify the said pretended treaty.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the Senate of the United States.

Attest:

EDW'D McPHERSON, *Clerk.*