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MEXICO TO FULFILL TREATY STIPULATIONS.

MAY 19, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CONNER, on leave, introduced the following

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, reliable information of the existence of bad faith on the part of the republic of Mexico toward the people and government of the United States, in relation to existing treaties between the two governments, is reported to prevail; and whereas it is the duty and obligation of the government of the United States to protect its citizens and inhabitants against all depredations from foreign powers or citizens thereof, and to compel the fulfillment of all such treaties; and especially is it our duty to insist that the republic of Mexico, a neighboring, friendly power, shall no longer permit its soil to be used as an asylum for hostile bands of Indians, or other desperadoes, who, for the five years last past, have been devastating the southwestern frontier of Texas with, it is believed, the full knowledge of the authorities of Mexico: Therefore;

Be it resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be, and are hereby, instructed to inquire into the facts herein cited, and report to this House what action, if any, be necessary to protect our citizens and compel said republic of Mexico to fulfill all existing treaties made and entered into between that government and the United States.

Introduced in the Texas legislature May 12, 1870.

JOINT RESOLUTION asking the Congress of the United States to prevent the republic of Mexico from harboring bands of Indians who devastate the southwestern frontier of the State of Texas.

Whereas, during the last five years certain bands of Indians, known as Kickapoos and Lipans, residing in the States of Coahuila and Tamaulipas, republic of Mexico, have been making constant raids into the settlements upon the southwestern frontier of this State, killing scores of our citizens and driving off large quantities of live stock into Mexico, thereby retarding the settlement and development of many counties in this State, and tending to the depopulation and destruction of the scattered settlements on our southwestern frontier; and whereas these Indians have resided and are still residing in and contiguous to cities and villages of the Mexican States named; and whereas it is notorious that these Indians have been constantly aided and encouraged by the citizens of Mexico in their murderous forays upon our soil; armed bands of said Indians, with known hostile intent, constantly crossing the Rio Grande from Mexico to this State with the full knowledge and consent of the Mexican authorities, and returning from such expeditions laden with booty captured from our unfortunate citizens, without opposition or interference on the part of the Mexican authorities; and whereas there can be no relief for the people upon the southwestern frontier of this State so long as the republic of Mexico continues to protect and furnish safe asylum to these savage bands of thieves and murderers: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the legislature of the State of Texas, That the government of the United States is earnestly requested to at once take measures to compel the republic of Mexico to fulfill its duties as a friendly power by no longer permitting its soil to be used as an

asylum for the bands of thieving and murdering Indians who, for the last five years have been devastating the southwestern frontier of this State, with the full knowledge of the Mexican authorities and the aid of the Mexican people.

Be it further resolved, That copies of this preamble and resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each one of the senators and representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States.