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SILETZ INDIAN RESERVATION.

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OREGON,

PRAYING

*That the Siletz Indian reservation in said State may be vacated and the Indians removed therefrom.*

JANUARY 9, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

*To the United States Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled :*

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon, most respectfully represent that there are, on the Siletz reservation, in Benton County, Oregon, not exceeding six hundred Indians, the remnants of several tribes now well-nigh extinct, and on the Alsea sub-agency, in said county, from one to two hundred Indians, and no more. That in 1865 or 1866 a portion of said Siletz reservation was vacated and opened to settlement, including a strip of land on both sides of Yaquina Bay, extending to the ocean. That a good wagon-road has been completed from Corvallis to Yaquina Bay, a distance of forty-seven miles, and extensive settlements established throughout the whole district of country heretofore included in said reservation, which has been opened to settlement. That a light-house is about to be constructed at the mouth of said Yaquina Bay, and that said bay will, in the near future, be a point of great commercial importance. That a corporation has been formed, under the laws of this State, the object of which is the construction of a railroad from Corvallis to Yaquina Bay. That there are from forty to sixty thousand acres of good agricultural lands included in said reservation not now used for any purpose. That it would be beneficial to both Indians and whites if both the reservation and sub-agency above mentioned could be vacated and the Indians removed to other reservations not immediately surrounded by American settlers, and all the Indians in Oregon concentrated upon Klamath reservation, thereby saving a large amount to the Treasury of the United States.

Your memorialists further represent that these reservations are needed for settlements for agricultural and other purposes, and that the improvements, property, and lands there can be sold, at no loss to the United States, to settlers in the vicinity, or those desiring to locate there; wherefore your memorialists pray that such steps may be taken

as may be necessary to remove said Indians from both the Siletz reservation and Alsea sub-agency, to the end that the same may be opened for settlement.

Adopted by the senate October 7, 1870.

JAMES D. FAY, *President*

Concurred in by house of representatives October 7, 1870.

B. HAYDEN,  
*Speaker of the House.*

STATE OF OREGON, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
*Salem, December 12, 1870*

I, S. F. Chadwick, secretary of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of senate joint memorial No. 3, on file in this office, and which passed the legislative assembly of Oregon at its sixth regular session.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

[SEAL.]

S. F. CHADWICK,  
*Secretary of State*