

# JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

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## NUMBER 1.

### PROTECTION OF THE FRONTIER.

**JOINT RESOLUTION** asking the Secretary of War to send a sufficient force into the North-Western part of Iowa, and into Minnesota and Dakota, to protect the settlement and chastise the hostile Indians who have committed the late depredations in that quarter.

**WHEREAS**, For several months past, the Indians residing along the North-Western lines of the State of Iowa, in Minnesota and Dakota, and in the country in that vicinity, have exhibited strong evidence of hostility to the border settlers, and have committed depredations upon the property of these settlers, and have finally broken out into open hostility, not only committing gross acts of plunder, but have committed the most cruel barbarities upon the defenceless citizens residing in the Southern and South-Western border of Minnesota, murdering with unparalleled cruelty a large number of these citizens and their families, in the immediate vicinity of our State, burning their houses and destroying their property; and whereas, it is believed from the general uprising of these Indians, and the great extent of their depredations and from various circumstances relating thereto that they are invited to these acts of cruelty, by evil disposed whites from our enemies, and that a general Indian War is impending; and whereas, the people along the borders of Iowa and Minnesota are deserting their homes and fleeing to places of safety in the interior of the State and entirely abandoning their homes and property for places of safety, therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the Secretary of War, be and he is hereby urgently requested to send a sufficient force of troops under some efficient officer to thoroughly chastise these Indians who have committed the aforesaid acts of War and to subdue or drive beyond the border such hostile Indians, at the earliest possible moment.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby requested to forward to the Secretary of War a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

Approved September 9th, 1862.