

complied with the homestead law, by procuring a private survey of the land which in most instances costs from \$200.00 to \$1000.00, and which amount ninety-nine out of one hundred homesteaders are not financially able to meet; and whereas the public land surveys have not been extended to Alaska, it is almost impossible for the homesteader to acquire title to his land.

We therefore further petition, that, the law be changed so that at the end of the three year period the homesteader may, on satisfactory showing to the Register or Receiver of the Land Office, to the effect that he has complied with the law in respect to residence and location, receive a certificate showing compliance with the law on which the sale or conveyance can be made by the entryman, thus increasing the value of said land by making it saleable and creating some inducement for persons to take up homesteads in Alaska, which we believe will be taken advantage of if it is generally known that the sale of land will be allowed at the expiration of three years, providing the necessary proof had been made, and

Be it lastly resolved, that a copy hereof be sent to the President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Honorable James Wickersham, Delegate to Congress from Alaska and the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Passed the House, April 17, 1913.

Passed the Senate, April 19, 1913.

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#### HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 5.

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

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the Territory of

Alaska, do most respectfully and earnestly represent that,

Whereas, the Sitka National Monument, located at Sitka in the Territory of Alaska, is one of the most beautiful and interesting attractions seen by hundreds of tourists who annually visit Alaska, contains eighteen splendid specimens of aboriginal totem poles, and is the scene of the battle in which the Russians captured South-eastern Alaska from the native tribes, incidentally preventing the acquisition of this country by Great Britain and thus estopping the subsequent acquirement by the United States, and this reservation is of scientific value on account of being covered with second growth timber of one hundred years standing, and

Whereas, said Sitka National Monument and the relics of aboriginal life thereon are worthy of preservation for the education, and edification of future generations; and

Whereas, said Sitka National Monument and the relics there are in a state of poor repair and dilapidation;

Resolved, by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, That we respectfully and earnestly petition the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, to appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars, said sum to be expended in the repair and restoration of the Sitka National Monument and the relics of aboriginal life contained there; and be it

Further resolved, that a copy hereof be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Passed the House, April 17, 1913.

Passed the Senate, April 23, 1913.