

Assembly Joint  
Resolution No. 22.

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Relative to the formation  
of the Territory of  
Colorado.

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Feb 5. 1859, Read first  
and second time and  
referred to Special Comm<sup>tee</sup>  
of seven, ordered printed.  
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March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1859.

Reported with a substituted  
Bill, and resolution  
laid on table.



Joint Resolution  
relating to the formation of  
the Territory of Colorado

Whereas the present boundaries of the state of California enclose an area of such extent, and so diversified in physical and other features as to preclude, to an ~~un~~unwholesome degree, the possibility of uniform legislation, and render cumbersome and expensive the operation of government,

And whereas, all of that part of said state hereinafter described is so peculiarly situated as to make a longer continuance of its political connection with the remainder of said state, a like ruinous to the inhabitants of said part and <sup>burdensome</sup> ~~unprofitable~~ to the said state at large, without any corresponding benefit resulting in any way to either party

And whereas the representatives from the said part unanimously demand in the names of their respective



Constituencies that the aforesaid  
untoward connection be dissolved  
by resolution to that effect, sub-  
-ject to the action of Congress  
in organizing a Territorial Govern-  
-ment for the same

Be it Therefore, resolved,  
by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,  
that the consent of the legislature of the  
state of California, is hereby given, and  
granted that all of that part of the said  
state of California which lies South  
of the sixth standard ~~line~~ parallel South  
of the Mount Diablo ~~the~~ Base line  
composed of the Counties of San Luis  
Obispo, Santa Barbara, ~~San Diego~~  
Los Angeles, San Diego, San Bernardino  
~~and a part of Tulare,~~ including all  
of the Islands lying opposite to its  
adjacent coast, to wit. San Miguel,  
Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz San Nicolas  
Anacapa, Santa Catalina, and  
San Clemente, be separated from  
the said state, and organized as  
a Territory of the United States, under  
the name of the "Territory of Colorado"



And be it further resolved, that the connection now existing between the said state and the said proposed Territory continue to all intents and purposes, until the organization ~~of~~ and establishment of a Territorial Government under a law of Congress to that effect, and no longer —

And be it further resolved that in case the Congress of the United States shall so act as upon the consent hereby given as to organize a Territorial Government for that tract of country lying South of the line specified, the Legislature of the State of California to be held next after such action shall appoint two Commissioners, and the first Territorial Assembly shall during their first session appoint two other Commissioners to meet at the seat of government of the State of California and at such time as the Governor of the said state shall designate, for the purpose of adjusting the financial affairs between the said State of California, and the said Territory of Colorado, taking for



the basis of said adjustment  
the ~~state~~ Assessment Rolls of  
the respective counties <sup>now</sup> ~~now~~  
constituting the state made out  
by their respective assessors for  
the year one thousand eight  
hundred and fifty eight (1858) and  
in case the four Commissioners thus  
to be appointed fail to agree they  
shall nominate and appoint  
a fifth <sup>and</sup> a majority of <sup>such five Commissioners</sup> whom shall  
determine the amount of indebtedness  
of the Territory of Colorado to the state  
of California as the proportion cor-  
responding to the said Territory on  
account of the state indebtedness  
at the time of her final segregation  
And he it also resolved that the expense  
of the said Commission shall be equivalent  
to that of members of the State Legislature  
for a like or corresponding time, and  
be borne equally by the said State  
and Territory

Be it also further resolved  
that our Senators in Congress  
be instructed and our Representatives  
be requested to urge upon Congress  
the immediate organization of



a Territorial Government  
for that portion of the territory  
of the state of California which  
this Sixth Legislature hereby  
consents to leave out of the  
present state limits to be called  
the Territory of Colorado; and that  
his Excellency the Governor be  
requested to transmit a copy of  
the foregoing preamble and  
resolutions to each of our Senators  
and Representatives in Congress,  
and to the President of the  
United States —