Assemble Joint
Relating to the formation of the University of Colorado.

Rescue No. 22.

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March 2, 1897.

Readed.

Signed.

Respectfully submitted,
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 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 known as the is so peculiarly situated as to make a longer continuance of its political connection with the remainder of said State, alike injurious to the inhabitants of said part and unacceptable 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 in connection be dissolved by resolution to that effect, subject to the action of Congress in organizing a Territorial Government 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 parallel South of the Mount Diablo 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 Barbara, 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 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 shall constitute the said adjustment. The settlement of the respective counties, 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, a majority of whom shall determine the amount of indebtedness of the Territory of Colorado to the state of California as the proposition corresponding to the said Territory on account of the state indebtedness at the time of her final aggregation. And it is 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 Senate 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.