

Dec 28 1872 The Trustees of Ottawa University met in the
Office of J S Emory Lawrence Kansas Dec 28/72 Present
John G Pratt J S Emory, E J Nugent R Altinson and
Jay S Backusky Proxy. After duly opening the meeting
the Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

The following Resolutions were presented & unanimously
adopted.

Whereas An Act entitled an Act for the Relief
of certain Indians of the Central Superintendency
Approved June 10th 1872 was passed by both Houses
of Congress under misrepresentation as we are in-
formed and without either our knowledge or
Consent. The provisions of which if carried out
would unjustly & unconstitutionally as we believe
deprive us the Trustees of said University of our rights
and the Ottawa children the beneficiaries of the trust
and the Baptist Denomination which has largely
contributed thereto of these rights & equities in the
property. In view of which we most earnestly do
present demand of Congress to repeal said Bill as a
matter of justice to all concerned therein.

And whereas Senate Bill of present Session 1290
has departed so widely from what the Trustees at
their meeting in November last expressed a willing-
ness to do viz "Resolved that we authorize those who
may represent us in Washington the coming Session
of Congress to agree to a bill appointing a Commission
to ascertain the equities of the Indians & Trustees on
the basis of the Report of the late Commission"

Therefore Resolved that we as Trustees do not
approve of said Bill in many of its provisions and
in order that we may obtain such Legislation as
will secure the greatest justice to all parties con-
cerned at the least possible expense we do appoint
Henry Beard of the City of Washington D C, and
John G Pratt of the County Wyandott Kansas our
Agents & Representatives and do authorize them
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