

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 26th, 1864.—Laid
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[Presented by the CHAIR.]

PROCEEDINGS

OF

A MEETING OF OFFICERS AND MEN

OF THE 154TH SR. TENN. REGIMENT.

CAMP 154TH SENIOR REGIMENT TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS, }
Near Dalton, Ga., January 14, 1864. }

At a meeting of the officers and men of this regiment, held to-day, Colonel M. MAGEVENEY, Jr., was called to the chair, and Lieutenant W. R. LUCAS was appointed secretary.

In a few appropriate remarks the colonel stated the object of the meeting.

Upon motion, a committee of one from each company was appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the sense of the regiment.

The committee then retired, and in a few minutes reported the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, the present exigencies of the service render it extremely precarious to hazard its defence by the withdrawal of its old troops from the army at the expiration of their term of service; and whereas, Congress, in view of these facts, is now maturing legislation for the retention of old organizations in the field; and whereas, in our opinion, to give up fighting now, by the old troops, would be a concession on their part that the cause is hopeless; and whereas, we, the members of the one hundred and fifty-fourth senior regiment Tennessee volunteers, (*the senior organization of Tennessee volunteers*),

believe the struggle in which we are engaged, to be a holy and sacred one, in which it is the bounden duty of every true man to take part and continue in until freedom is won: Therefore,

Resolved, That though we believe the intention at our re-enlistment in May, 1862, would, if executed, expire our term of service on the 14th of Mar next, we are determined not to abandon the field until the last of the vandal invaders are driven from our soil, or we are compelled to substitute for liberty an honorable abode in a soldier's grave.

Resolved, That we are prepared to concur in any legislation that Congress may devise for the better organization of the military establishment of the country to the end that the results of the contest may be in no doubt.

Resolved, That we think justice to the old troops requires that their old organizations should be preserved in tact, and, if not incompatible with the public interest, we should request that Congress, in framing its legislation, preserve to us our respective organizations, so essential to the preservation of whatever historic character it may have been our fortune to have earned.

Resolved, That the one hundred and fifty-fourth senior regiment Tennessee volunteers tender their services to the country as long as its exigencies may need them, and that the colonel of this regiment communicate to the President and to Congress these resolutions.

Every member of the regiment was present at the meeting when the resolutions were put and unanimously passed.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

M. MAGEVENEY, JR., *Chairman*.

W. R. LUCAS, *Secretary*.

To Hon. THOS. S. BOCK, *Richmond, Va.*:

I respectfully communicate the foregoing resolutions, adopted unanimously by my command, on the evening of January 14th, 1864.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

M. MAGEVENEY, JR.,

Col. comd'g 154th Sr. Tenn. regiment.