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RESOLUTION.

October 25, 1893.

[No. 11.] Joint Resolution. Providing for the disposition of certain personal property and money now in the hands of a receiver of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, appointed by the supreme court of Utah, and authorizing its application to the charitable purposes of said church.

Preamble.

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Whereas, The corporation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was dissolved by act of Congress of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven; and

Whereas, The personal property and money belonging to the said corporation is now in the hands of a receiver appointed by the Supreme Court of the Territory of Utah; and

Whereas, According to a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States the said property, in absence of other disposition by act of Congress, is subject to be applied to such charitable uses, lawful in their nature, as may most nearly correspond to the purposes for which said property was originally destined; and

Whereas, Said property is the result of contributions and donations made by members of said church, and was designed to be devoted to the charitable uses thereof under the direction and control of the first presidency of the said church; and

Whereas, Said church has discontinued the practice of polygamy and no longer encourages or gives countenance in any manner to practices in violation of law, or contrary to good morals or public policy; and if the said personal property is restored to the said church it will not be devoted to any such unlawful purpose: Therefore, *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the said personal property and money now in the hands of such receiver not arising from the sale or rents of real estate since March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven be, and the same is hereby, restored to the said Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, to be applied under the direction and control of the first presidency of said church to the charitable uses and purposes thereof: That is to say; For the payment of the debts for which said church is legally or equitably liable, for the relief of the poor and distressed members of said church, for the education of the children of such members, and for the building and repair of houses of worship for the use of said church, but in which the rightfulness of the practice of polygamy shall not be inculcated. And the said receiver, after deducting the expenses of his receivership, under the direction of the said supreme court of the Territory of Utah, is hereby required to deliver the said property and money to the persons now constituting the presidency of said church, or to such person or persons as they may designate to be held and applied generally to the charitable uses and purposes of said church as aforesaid.

Mormon church. Personal property to be restored to, for charitable uses.

Disposition.

Approved, October 25, 1893.