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Lafayette Post Protests Against the Gettysburg Railroad.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 18.—Lafayette Post, No. 140, of the G. A. R., located in New York city, on June 2 adopted resolutions presented by Post Commander A. G. Mills, condemning the construction of an electric trolley railroad around the battlefield at Gettysburg. The resolutions, in part, read:

We enter our solemn protest against this vandalism, and unless the promoters of the movement and their associates can be prevailed upon to yield to the patriotic sentiment which requires that this hallowed soil shall be handed down unencumbered to our posterity, we appeal to the loyalty of the people North and South to make its indignation so outspoken that the prosecution of the work will be promptly discontinued, and the battle-field restored to its original simplicity; that the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic be requested to appoint a committee of investigation to consist of as many members as he may deem necessary, to thoroughly inquire into the origin and source of the location of the battlefield of Gettysburg by the trolley railway company; to adopt all necessary and lawful means which may be feasible to exclude it from within the lines of battle, and to ascertain whether any and what citizens of Gettysburg have been instrumental, either with money or influence, in aiding the construction of such rails, so that in the future the old soldiers who visit this historic spot may be able to discriminate between those who are worthy and unworthy of their patronage.

Joseph P. Cleary, department commander of the the State G. A. R., approved the resolutions, and forwarded them to Commander-in-chief Welser for his approval. A telegram received from the latter today announced his approval of the resolutions, and he has appointed the following comrades as a committee of three to carry out their purposes: C. H. T. Collins, of Lafayette Post; Past Commander-in-Chief John Palmer, and Louis Wagner, of Philadelphia.