

RESOLUTION—NO. 19.

MILITARY ROAD.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION of the general assembly of the state of Iowa, asking a donation of land for a military road from the Mississippi to the Missouri river.

Preamble—Appropriation for road from Keokuk to mouth of Nebraska.

Influenced by proper considerations in relation to the general welfare and facilities required by our constituents, and the wants, wishes and prosperity of a growing population, the general assembly of the state of Iowa respectfully solicit of the United States an appropriation of public lands, to improve a great western thoroughfare and mail route, from Keokuk, on the Mississippi river, leading through the Des Moines valley until it reaches the Raccoon fork of said river; thence taking the nearest and most direct route, to the east side of the Missouri river, opposite the mouth of the Nebraska or Great Platte river.

The termination of the proposed public highway and mail route, will be opposite the commencement of the great national highway and mail route reported at the last session of congress, by the committee on military affairs, making an appropriation for a line of stockade and block house forts along the valley of the Nebraska river to the Oregon territory. The improvement of such a road is not within the ability of the state at present, and the essential public accommodation it would afford to the intercourse, trade and agricultural interests of this state, and its proposed termination at the commencement of the military and mail route to Oregon, clearly brings an appropriation to improve it within the prescribed constitutional power delegated to congress.

Route of Oregon mail, etc. A glance over the map of the country through which this road will pass, must satisfy any person that it is destined, at no distant day, to be the great avenue upon which a large majority of the emigrants to the territory of Nebraska and Oregon are destined to travel, and upon which the Oregon mail will be conveyed, and that it will be a continuation of the national road to the Oregon territory.

In addition to this, it will pass, nearly central, through the late purchase of land from the Pottawatamie Indians, in the western part of Iowa, a country that will soon fill up with an enterprising population, that will be greatly benefited by such an improvement.

Copies forwarded. Resolved, that his excellency Gov. Briggs be requested to forward to each of our representatives in congress a copy of this preamble and joint resolution.

Approved, February 12th, 1847.

RESOLUTION—NO. 20.

SEALS.

JOINT RESOLUTION to pay Charles A. Robbins for a set seals for Benton county.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That the auditor of state be, and he is hereby authorized to audit and allow to Charles A. Robbins the amount of twenty dollars, for making, engraving and furnishing three seals for the county of Benton in this state.

Approved, February 17th, 1847.