

NUMBER 5.

THE FIVE PER CENT. ON MEXICAN WAR BOUNTY LANDS.

JOINT RESOLUTION Relative to the Amount due from the United States to the State of Iowa, on account of Lands conveyed to Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates in the Mexican War.

WHEREAS, In the act admitting the state of Iowa into the union, for and on account of certain considerations therein specified, congress stipulated to pay to said state 5 per cent. on the sales of the public lands within the same without any reservation or limitation whatever; and

WHEREAS, A very large portion of said public lands has been disposed of under military warrants, issued to non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates in the Mexican war, upon which the department of the interior has refused to pay the said 5 per cent.; and

WHEREAS, In the opinion of the members of this general assembly, said claim is a just and equitable one, and should receive a favorable consideration and the sanction of congress; therefore

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That congress be and the same is hereby requested, by resolution or otherwise to direct the general land-office to take account of all the public lands, within the state of Iowa which may have been disposed of under said military warrants, and to allow and pay 5 per cent. thereon at an estimate of \$1.25 per acre.

Resolved, That our senators be instructed and our representatives requested to use their influence to secure a proper recognition and an equitable adjustment of said claim.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be instructed to forward a certified copy of these resolutions to the president of the senate, and speaker of the house, and to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

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NUMBER 6.

ELECTION OF U. S. SENATORS BY THE PEOPLE.

JOINT RESOLUTION Requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to vote for and use their Influence in procuring an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, so that United States Senators shall be elected by the people.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the senators and representatives in congress from this state be requested to vote and use their influence to so amend the constitution of the United States, that United States senators shall be chosen by the people of the several states, and not by the legislature[s] thereof.

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