

## NUMBER 15.

## IN FAVOR OF GRANTING LANDS TO SOLDIERS.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Iowa,* That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, to use their influence and to vote for the modification of the homestead laws of the United States, in behalf of the officers, soldiers, sailors, and seamen honorably discharged from the service of the United States, so as to dispense with the necessity of actual residence for any particular length of time, on their part, before receiving title to the land located by them.

Approved March 5th, 1874.

## NUMBER 16.

## THE PROPOSED CANAL IN ILLINOIS.

JOINT RESOLUTION in Relation to Proposed Canal from Rock Island, Ill. the Illinois River, at Hennepin.

WHEREAS, The question of cheap transportation, for the surplus products of the Mississippi valley to a profitable market, is at the present time the paramount question; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the construction of a canal from Rock Island to Hennepin in the state of Illinois would open an unbroken water-communication to the eastern markets from the largest agricultural region tributary to any single artificial water-way which has been proposed; and

WHEREAS, This line has been surveyed by authority of congress, and has been found to be practicable, to be a distance of only sixty miles, and to be capable of construction at small cost in comparison with other projects of this character; therefore

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives therein be requested to vote for and to use their active influence to secure such legislation by the national legislature as will insure the construction of this canal at an early day.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state be and he is hereby instructed to transmit a copy hereof to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 12th, 1874.