

NUMBER 7.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION in Reference to Securing a Commercial Highway by Water between the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan via the Valleys of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers.

WHEREAS, The general government has entered upon the task of opening up a commercial highway from the valley of the Mississippi river to Lake Michigan via the valleys of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers; and,

WHEREAS, The people of the western states especially feel an absorbing interest in the speedy and successful accomplishment of this desirable result; therefore,

Be it resolved, That we again repeat our request to our representatives and senators in congress, that they be diligent in securing, if possible, such legislation in congress, as will enable the commerce of the central states of the continent to pass unfettered and unvexed to the markets of the world.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the president of the United States senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives, with a request that the same may be laid before each house of congress, and that a copy be sent to each senator and member of congress from this state.

Approved, March 15, 1878.

NUMBER 8.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in Relation to the International Prison Congress, at Stockholm, Sweden.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That the governor be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint and commission one or more delegates to represent the state of Iowa, at the International Prison Congress, to be held at the city of Stockholm, in the kingdom of Sweden, in the month of August, of the present year, provided that the state shall be at no expense on account thereof.

Approved, March 25, 1878.

NUMBER 9.

JOINT RESOLUTION Authorizing the Governor to Accept and Receive Grants or Appropriations from the United States for the Purpose of Indemnifying Settlers on Lands in Iowa.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That the governor of the state is hereby authorized and directed to accept any grant or appropriations which may be made by the United States for the purpose of indemnifying settlers on lands in this state under color of title from the United States or the state of Iowa, or under the pre-emption or homestead laws, titles have failed, and is authorized and directed to take such proceedings as may be necessary to recover, receive and hold the same, subject to the disposal of the next general assembly.

Approved, March 25, 1878.