

RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 1.]

Whereas, the territory of Iowa is deprived of a secretary by the recent death of the Hon. William B. Conway, late secretary of this territory; and whereas no provision is made by the organic law, or by any act of congress, to meet such contingency; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa, That Charles Weston be appointed a fiscal agent, and that he be authorized to take charge of all public funds, drafts or bills of exchange properly belonging to this department, and that he be required to make such disbursements as legally pertain to his appointment as aforesaid, taking proper vouchers for the same.

Resolved, That the said Charles Weston be required to make a settlement of all his acts as fiscal agent with the secretary of the territory, when appointed, and he enters upon the duties of his office; and the said Charles Weston shall be allowed by said secretary the amounts by him expended as fiscal agent out of the funds appropriated by congress to defray the expenses of the present legislative assembly.

Resolved, That the said Charles Weston be required to enter into bond to the governor of the territory, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, with two sufficient securities to be approved by the governor, for the faithful performance of his duties under the provisions of these resolutions.

Approved November 25, 1839.

[No. 2.]

Resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa, That Russell & Reeves, publishers of the laws of the territory, be and they are hereby entitled to the balance due on said work,

as though the same had been done by the first day of May eighteen hundred thirty-nine.

[Presented to the governor on the 29th November, 1839, and not approved and signed by him.]

[No. 3.]

Resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa, That the acts of the twenty-fifth congress in possession of the governor shall be distributed in the following manner, viz: one copy to the governor, one copy to the secretary of the territory, one copy to each of the judges of the supreme court, one copy to the district attorney of the territory, one copy to the marshal of the territory, one copy to the clerk of the supreme court, eleven copies for the use of the council, and twenty copies for the use of the house of representatives.

Approved December 6, 1839.

[No. 4.]

PREAMBLE and Joint Resolution relative to the improvement of the Des Moines river.

Whereas, the Des Moines river seems to demand the attention both of this legislative assembly and of congress, for the following reasons, to wit:

First. On account of its position in the territory of the United States, and also forming the boundary of a portion of the state of Missouri. It will enter the probable limits of the state of Iowa in the north-western part, and running a southeasterly course through the interior of said limits, enters the Mississippi at the extreme southeasterly point of the same. Its central position between those two great rivers, Mississippi and Missouri, which must necessarily form the eastern and western boundaries of the state, points it out as the natural channel for imports and exports for the extensive and fertile country in the interior of Iowa and a portion of the state of Missouri.

Secondly. On account of its affording but few facilities for navigation, without that improvement of which it is peculiarly susceptible, being admirably adapted to the building of dams for the purpose of slack water navigation. The channel and banks everywhere afford suitable stone for the foundation