

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.]

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[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.

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[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