

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

and structure of such dams as would be necessary for said improvement. Added to the importance of the navigation of said stream, would be the vast quantity of hydraulic power obtained by the construction of dams, which alone would be of incalculable value to the country through which it passes, being almost destitute of those advantages from other sources; therefore,

*Resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That our delegate in congress be requested to solicit and use his best exertions to obtain an appropriation by congress for the purpose of paying the expense of a survey of said river by a corps of engineers under the authority of the United States, and also for an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars, to be made either in money or land, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the same.

*And be it further resolved*, That the governor of this territory be requested to forward five copies of the above preamble and resolutions, one to the president of the senate, one to the speaker of the house of representatives, one to the secretary of war, one to our delegate in congress, and one to the governor of Missouri, with a request that he will transmit a copy of the same to the honorable members in congress from the said state of Missouri, soliciting their aid in behalf of the appropriation for the proposed improvement.

Approved December 14, 1839.

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[No. 5.]

*Resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That Charles Weston be requested to make and forward to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the honorable William W. Chapman, our delegate to Congress, each a copy of all memorials and resolutions of the last session, now in his possession, the object of which is to obtain the aid or action of Congress of the United States.

Approved December 23, 1839.

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[No. 6.]

PREAMBLE and Joint Resolutions relative to the unsurveyed lands.

*Whereas*, the country purchased of the Sac and Fox Indians, in the month of October, eighteen hundred