

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

and thirty-seven, is rapidly populating by a respectable and industrious class of citizens, making large farms, building towns, and constructing extensive machinery, which must necessarily be divided and sub divided by the future survey of the government of the United States, the result of which will be loss, litigation, and serious difficulty, the never failing check to such laudable industry; therefore

*Be it resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That our delegate in Congress be requested to use his best exertions to obtain an appropriation for the survey of all the unsurveyed lands in the territory of Iowa to which the Indian title has been extinguished.

*And be it further resolved,* That the governor of this territory be requested to forward four copies of these resolutions, one to our delegate in Congress, one to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one to the President of the United States, and one to the commissioner of the general land office.

Approved December 24, 1839.

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[No. 7.]

*Resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That the devices of the seals for the supreme and district courts, &c., as suggested by the honorable W. B. Conway in his communication to Mr. Wm. Wagner, are very appropriate and emblematic of the duties of the several courts to which they belong.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of this territory be and he is hereby authorized to pay Wm. Wagner, upon the delivery of said seals, such sums of money as is customary for such work, and that he be required to make the necessary distribution of said seals.

Approved December 30, 1839.

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[No. 8.]

A PREAMBLE and resolutions to the Congress of the United States, asking for an appropriation for the improvement of a territorial road on the Des Moines river.

*Whereas,* The legislative assembly of last session passed a law authorizing the survey and opening of a territorial road, commencing at Keokuk on the Mississippi river, in Lee county, running thence upon the north bank of the Des Moines river, passing