

through the towns of Farmington, New Lexington, Bentonsport, Columbus and Philadelphia; thence up to and terminating at Iowaville on the Des Moines river, formerly Iowa city, said road, if improved, must necessarily be of great importance both to the territory and the general government. Keokuk, the commencing place of this road, is the natural and most convenient depot for all the extensive Des Moines country, being situated at the foot of the Des Moines rapids and immediately above the mouth of the Des Moines river. This road, when finished, will afford great facilities for the transportation of mails, passing as it does through a number of towns and a densely populated country, terminating on the Indian borders, thereby affording the remotest of our inhabitants the benefit of mails.

*And, whereas,* This road passes over a number of tributary streams to the Des Moines river, which, at many seasons of the year, are backed up by the said river, making them impassable.

*And, whereas,* The improvement of said road is deemed to be of too much magnitude to be undertaken in the ordinary way of improving such roads; therefore

*Resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That our delegate in Congress be requested to use his influence in obtaining an appropriation of ten thousand dollars for the opening of said road.

*Be it further resolved,* That the governor be requested to forward one copy of this preamble and resolution to our delegate in Congress.

Approved December 31, 1839.

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[No. 9.]

A RESOLUTION to provide for the appointment of supervisor to the printing of the laws of the present session.

*Resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That W. J. A. Bradford be employed to prepare for publication and to supervise the printing of the laws of the present session of the legislature, and to make an index thereto, together with marginal notes, and that he be allowed and paid the sum of three hundred dollars for said services.

Approved December 31, 1839.