

tion of such lands revert to the United States that the same may be thrown open to settlement.

SECOND. That the secretary of state be and he is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, March 27, 1884.

NUMBER 10.

PORTRAITS OF DECEASED GOVERNORS FOR NEW CAPITOL.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That the governor of the state, Hon. Buren R. Sherman, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure to be executed in oil by competent artists the portraits of Hon. Ralph P. Lowe one of the former governors, and of Hon. Augustus C. Dodge, one of the former representatives and U. S. Senators of the State of Iowa, Governor Chambers and Governor Glark, territorial governors, and all deceased state governors which the state does not already possess, with the appropriate mounting, to be placed in the executive chamber or other appropriate place in the capitol, and to meet the cost thereof, there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to pay the same to be paid upon warrants drawn upon the treasurer by the auditor upon the order of the governor.

Approved, March 27, 1884.

NUMBER 11.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION, Relative to Free Homes for all Surviving Soldiers and Sailors of the Union Army.

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of the homestead laws of congress, it is impossible for many of the soldiers and sailors of the late war to avail themselves of the provisions of said law, by reason of ill-health, caused by injuries and disease, received and contracted while in the service of their country, and for want of means to locate and improve homesteads as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, There is yet belonging to the United States Government enough land to give every soldier and sailor a home without detriment to the public interest; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their utmost endeavors to secure the passage of a law, at this session of congress, giving to every honorably discharged soldier and sailor of the late war, a patent for one hundred and sixty (160) acres of the public land as a home, without requiring them to settle thereon, and that the title thereto be made non-transferable, or with such conditions attached as will secure to the soldier or sailor, or their families, all the benefits of such grant, and debar the speculator from procuring and holding the same for speculative purposes; and further that such homesteads be exempt from taxation for ten years, and also be exempt from all debts contracted or incurred by such soldiers or sailors for a like period.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be directed to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, March 29, 1864.

NUMBER 12.

PENSIONS FOR PRISONERS.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS Asking that Certain Prisoners of the War of the Rebellion Be Placed on the Pension Rolls.

WHEREAS, Many officers, soldiers and sailors of the federal army and navy were confined in so-called confederate prisons for an unusual length of time, suffering great hardships and contracting disease hard and difficult to prove under existing pension laws; and

WHEREAS, Hon. James S. Robinson of Ohio, has introduced in the forty-eighth congress a bill (No. 1189) "granting pension to all soldiers, sailors and marines who, while in the service of the United States, and while in the line of their duty, were taken prisoners, and as such confined in the so-called confederate prisons between the first day of May 1861, and the first day of May 1865, as follows:

"All who were prisoners of war two months and less than six months, one-half pension; those who were prisoners of war six months, and less than twelve months, a three fourths pension; and all such as were prisoners of war twelve months and more than twelve months, a total pension,

"And furthermore, such surviving prisoners of war shall receive two dollars per day, for each day and every day's confinement in said confederate military prisons.

"*Provided* That such pension shall in each case begin from the date of the passage of this act, and shall be paid at the same time and in the same manner as other pensions are now paid and,

"*Provided further*, That this act shall not entitle any person to draw more than one pension but that such survivors of, the so-called confederate military prisons, as are entitled and are receiving a pension at the time of