

## MEMORIAL NO. 2.

## FOR GRANT OF LANDS

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS, asking Congress for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a Rail Road, from McGregor's landing on the Mississippi River, to a point in the Western bounds of the State of Iowa, between Sargeant's Bluffs, and the north bounds of the State, and in case the bounds of the State be extended to the Missouri River on the northwest, said grant to extend to the *then* west bounds of said State.

WHEREAS, by an act of Congress, approved May 15th, Preamble. 1756, in answer to a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, a grant of land was made to said State, to aid in the construction of three several Rail Roads as applied for in said memorial. And Whereas, one road to wit: that from McGregor's landing named in said memorial of the General Assembly, was left out of the said grant, and whereas the route of said road from McGregor's landing would be at least eighty miles north of the most northern of the said roads, provided for in said grant;—and whereas it is believed that a great portion of the north western part of the State of Iowa, and the south western portion of Minnesota, must remain for a long time unsettled, unless encouraged by Rail Road facilities; and whereas it is believed that the granting of alternate sections to the State under proper restrictions for the purpose of aiding in the construction of all practicable Rail Roads in the State, has a direct tendency to promote not only the best interests of the State, but of the General Government; therefore,

*Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* Instruction. That our Senators be instructed, and Representatives in Congress be requested to procure the passage of a law granting to the State of Iowa, the alternate sections of land along the line of the proposed road, to an equal extent, under like privileges and restrictions with the grant made to the said other roads by said act of May 15th, 1856, to wit:

Commencing at McGregor's landing on the Mississippi, McGregor's to N. boundary. thence on the most practicable route to a point in the western bounds of the State between Sargeant's Bluffs and the north

boundary of the State, and in case the west bounds of the State be extended to the Missouri on the North West, that the said grant of land be also extended to the other western boundary, and that the lands likely to be within the scope of the applied for grant now for sale, be immediately withdrawn from market, and wherever the lands are not in market the same be withheld from sale, until sufficient time shall have expired for the particular location of this road, and the selecting of said lands, to be conveyed in said grant.

Forward copy *Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be instructed to forward a copy of the foregoing memorial and resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

APPROVED July 15th 1856.

### MEMORIAL NO. 3.

#### SWAMP LANDS.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the swamp land.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled.*

Recital.

Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, respectfully represent, that under the act of Congress entitled "an act to enable the State of Arkansas, and other states, to reclaim the swamp lands within its limits," approved September 28th, 1850, a considerable amount of such land accrued to the State of Iowa; that by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, passed in January, 1852, entitled "an act to dispose of the swamp and overflowed lands within the State, and to pay the expenses of selecting and surveying the same," those lands were