that any contract or contracts for any such lands, held by any other person or persons than the trustees aforesaid, which may have been purchased by any such trustee, and afterwards assigned or transferred to such person or persons, are also hereby declared to be null and void.

Approved January 28, 1857.

NUMBER 24.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the independence of Liberia.

Independence of Liberia. Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ioxa, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to use their influence to have the independence of Liberia, in Africa, acknowledged by the Government of the United States.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved Jan. 29, 1857.

NUMBER 25.

REPORT OF STATE GEOLOGIST.

JOINT RESOLUTION to provide for the printing of the Report of the State Geologist.

Gov. procure.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the Governor be, and is hereby authorized to procure the printing of 2,000 copies of the Report of the State Geologist, and that he cause one copy thereof to be transmitted to each member of the General Assembly, and the remainder to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

Resolved, That the Governor be further authorized to

draw his warrant on the State Auditor for the expense thereof, who shall audit and allow the same.

Approved January 29, 1857.

NUMBER 26.

STATE UNIVERSITY.

JOINT RESOLUTION appointing trustees of the State University.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, Tofill vacancy. That William P. Davis, E. C. Lyon, Elijah Sells, H. D. Downey and S. J. Kirkwood, be, and they are hereby appointed trustees to fill the vacancies that have occurred in the board of trustees of the University of Iowa, by the expiration of the terms of certain members thereof.

Approved Jan. 29, 1857.

NUMBER 27.

RAILROAD GRANT.

JOINT RESOLUTION of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, asking a grant of lands to certain railroad companies herein named.

Your memorialists would respectfully represent that Preamble, whereas the Congress of the United States has, in other cases, granted a portion of the public domain to aid in the construction of radroads in the Western States and Territories, all of which having served to advance the interest of the whole country, therefore,

Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Grant of land. Iowa, That a grant of land, of each alternate section on either side of the Union railroad miles wide, be made by the Congress of the United States, to be applied specifically in the construction of said road, under the direction of the legislature of said State, beginning at some point on the line of the Keokuk, Mt. Pleasant, and Muscatine rail-