

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA:

GENTLEMEN:—We desire to call your attention to the following petition, which was addressed to the last general assembly, but upon which no concurrent action was taken. We ask your favorable consideration of the same, believing that the publication referred to therein, entitled "Iowa Resources and Industries," which is a valuable work of reference devoted to the general interests of the state, did accomplish great good to Iowa through its distribution at the world's fair in 1885. The imperative need of a reliable reference work of this character was apparent, and there being no publication giving the information of our state so much desired by parties in all portions of the country, it was important that such a work be issued. The value of the work is apparent as it presents articles on the various interests of our state, prepared by prominent writers of recognized ability, who are among the best informed in their several specialties. It was the opinion of the executive council that as there would be many leading industries represented at the world's industrial exposition at New Orleans by persons desirous of obtaining information in regard to the advantages offered for the location of new factories, and as other states were furnishing such information of their respective sections as would secure these industries, which might thus be lost to Iowa, it was important for the credit and benefit of our state that a work of this character be distributed there. In view of this fact, we agreed to recommend to the general assembly that an appropriation be made to reimburse the publishers of the said work, and upon this agreement Messrs. J. P. Bushnell & Co. did secure the necessary information and did publish the books which were distributed at New Orleans as we directed. We therefore recommend to your honorable body that the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars be appropriated to reimburse the said J. P. Bushnell & Co. for expenses incurred in securing and preparing said information, and in publishing five thousand copies of said work.

B. R. SHERMAN.

J. A. T. HULL.

J. L. BROWN.

E. H. CONGER.

Executive Council, 1884-5.

A BILL

FOR AN ACT FOR AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CLAIM OF J. P. BUSHNELL & CO. FOR PREPARING, PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTING FIVE THOUSAND COPIES OF "IOWA RESOURCES AND INDUSTRIES" AT THE WORLD'S FAIR IN 1885.

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa was represented at the world's fair in the year A. D. 1885, in the various departments of mechanics, manufactures and agriculture, and it was deemed

3 expedient and necessary by the state executive council that the various resources and advan-
4 tages of the state should be set forth in some publication to be distributed at said exposi-
5 tion, and as the said executive council, not having any state funds under their control for
6 such purpose, did agree with J. P. Bushnell & Co. that they prepare and publish a pamphlet
7 for such purpose, agreeing on their part to recommend the payment thereof by the general
8 assembly, and

9 WHEREAS, said J. P. Bushnell & Co., relying upon said agreement and recommendation, did
10 prepare, publish and distribute the said pamphlets as set forth in the communication from
11 the state executive council, and as the publication and distribution of said pamphlets entitled,
12 "Iowa Resources and Industries," did result in much good to the state of Iowa, and did
13 greatly aid in maintaining her credit at the world's exposition, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of three thousand four
2 hundred and seventy-two dollars out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appro-
3 priated, in payment of the claim of J. P. Bushnell & Co. for preparing, publishing and dis-
4 tributing five thousand copies of "Iowa Resources and Industries" at the world's fair in 1885,
5 and the auditor of state is hereby directed to draw a warrant on the state treasurer for
6 the same.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers
3 published at Des Moines, Iowa.