

thinned by Mexican weapons and the diseases of a Mexican climate, and yet none ever faltered or flinched to follow where duty led, and that we deeply and cordially sympathise with the friends of those who have thus become martyrs in the cause of their country.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to Captains Roberts and Bowie, and that a copy of the papers containing the same be forwarded for one year to the nearest friends of Major Mills and Captain Guthrie, at the expense of the state.

Approved, January 25, 1848.

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[98] RESOLUTION—NO. 25.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

JOINT RESOLUTION for adjournment.

Resolved, (the house concurring therein,) That the general assembly will adjourn, *sine die*, on Tuesday, the 25th inst.

Approved, January 25, 1848.

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MEMORIAL—NO. 1.

SCHOOL LANDS.

*To the Hon. Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

Your memorialists, the general assembly of the state of Iowa, would respectfully represent that an act was passed by the general assembly of this state at the last session, approved February 24th, 1847, prescribing the mode of selecting the five hundred thousand acres of land accruing to this state on her admission into the union, under the act of congress, of the 4th September, 1841, which provides that the selection shall be made in such manner as the legislature of the state may direct, and located in parcels conformably to sectional divisions and sub-divisions of not less than three hundred and twenty acres in any one location on any public lands, except such as are or may be reserved from sale by any law of congress or proclamation of the president of the United States.

Your memorialists claim the benefit of a fair and legal interpretation of this act of congress, and earnestly protest against the instructions of the general land office at Washington, denying to the state the privilege of selecting lands upon which settlements and improvements have been made, a privilege clearly conferred upon the state by the act of congress of the 4th September, 1841. No such restrictions were contemplated by the general assembly in the passage of the act of the 24th February, 1847.

This act provides for the selections of lands by the actual settlers and those who have made improvements thereon; the large portion of the lands which have been selected, are of this class of selections, and the advance payment of the purchase money made to the proper [99] officers of the state, to reject these selections under the circumstances will inflict a serious injury upon a meritorious class of citizens who prefer making their purchases from the state, on account of the benefit of a privilege of ten years credit on four-fifths of the purchase money.