

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

[191] RESOLUTION—NO. 1.

POSTAGE.

JOINT RESOLUTION authorising the secretary of state to effect a loan to defray postage, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Arrangements with postmaster—secretary to procure loan. That the secretary of the senate and chief clerk of the house of representatives make arrangements with the postmaster at this place, for the receipt and transmission of papers and letters to and from the members of the legislative assembly during the present session; and that the secretary of state be authorized, at any time previous to the adjournment of the present session, to effect a loan, if necessary, for the payment of the same.

Approved, December 10th, 1846.

RESOLUTION—NO 2.

DES MOINES RIVER GRANT.

JOINT RESOLUTION accepting the grant of land for the improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines river.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Grant accepted—proviso.—That the donation of land contemplated in an act of congress, approved August 8th, 1846, granting certain lands to the territory of Iowa to aid in the improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines river, in said territory, be, and the same is, hereby accepted for the purposes specified in said act: provided, that the said grant of land contemplated in the said act does not form a part or come out of the five hundred thousand acres to which the state of Iowa is entitled, upon her entrance into the Union, by virtue of the act of congress of 1841; and

[192] **Preamble.** Whereas, the general assembly of Iowa does not believe that this grant ought to constitute a part of the five hundred thousand acres granted to the new states: Therefore,

Further resolution—instructions to representatives. Be it further resolved, That if such was the intention of congress in the passage of the law making the grant, that our representatives in congress be hereby instructed to use their effort to obtain the same grant contemplated in the act of congress of August, 1846, and for the same purpose, separate and distinct from the grant contemplated in the act of 1841.

View as to restriction imposed on sale—representatives requested to procure removal of restriction. Resolved, further, That this legislature is of the opinion that it is contrary to the usage of congress to make donations of lands to states in any manner, except to confine such donation to the particular uses for which it was made: That the restriction in said act of congress of August, 1846, which confines the state to the sales of no more than thirty thousand dollars at any one time, would render it impossible for the state to prosecute the improvement of the Des Moines river in such a manner as would make it advantageous either to the state or contractor, and that we hereby request our delegation in congress to use their efforts to procure such a change in the act of August, granting to Iowa lands for the improvement of the Des Moines river, as will authorize the state to sell and dispose of the lands in any quantity and at any time it may be deemed best to effect the contemplated improvement.

Resolution to be forwarded. Resolved, further, That these resolutions be immediately forwarded to our representatives in congress.

Approved, January 9th, 1847.

RESOLUTION—NO. 3.

MAIL ROUTE.

JOINT RESOLUTION instructing our representatives in congress to procure the establishment of a certain mail route.

Preamble—Mail from Burlington to Iowa City. Whereas, in the opinion of the general assembly of the state of Iowa, public convenience requires the establishment of a mail route from Burlington, via Columbus City, Hillsborough and Port Allan, to Iowa City, in said state: Therefore,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Instructions to representatives. That our delegation in congress be instructed to use their endeavors to procure the establishment of said mail route.

Copy to be forwarded. Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to our representatives in congress.

Approved, January 9th, 1847.

[193] RESOLUTION—NO. 4.

MUSCATINE ISLAND.

JOINT RESOLUTION asking a donation of land for the improvement of Muscatine island, on the Mississippi river.

Preamble. Whereas, A large portion of the Muscatine Island, in the counties of Muscatine and Louisa, in the state of Iowa, to the extent of some forty or fifty thousand acres of land, is subject to inundation from the waters of the Mississippi river during a great part of the year, thereby wholly obstructing the sale of said lands by the government of the United States; and

Whereas, It is confidently believed that the whole of said land is capable of being reclaimed and rendered saleable, by the construction of a levee along the bank of the said Mississippi river from the high grounds on said island, below Bloomington, to the mouth of the Muscatine slough; and