

**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.

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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.

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[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