

**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

Whereas, It is believed that a grant to this state, of ten thousand acres of said lands, would be sufficient to construct said levee: 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 obtain from congress the desired grant.

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

Approved, January 9th, 1847.

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RESOLUTION—NO. 5.

EXPENSES OF CONVENTION.

**JOINT RESOLUTION** requiring the auditor to audit and allow the expenses incurred by the late convention to form a constitution and state government for the state of Iowa.

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

**Auditor to audit expenses—certificate conclusive evidence—to issue warrants.** That the auditor of state be, and he is hereby required to audit and allow the expenses incurred by the convention to form a constitution and form of state government for the future state of Iowa, which assembled at the state house in Iowa City, on the first Monday in May, A. D. 1846, and that the certificates of the amount of said expenses, signed by the president [194] of said convention and countersigned by the secretary thereof, shall be taken as conclusive evidence of indebtedness to the holder, upon which the auditor shall issue his warrant upon the treasurer of the state for the amount therein specified.

Approved, January 7th, 1847.

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RESOLUTION—NO. 6.

PRINTING OF LAWS.

**JOINT RESOLUTION** relative to the printing of laws.

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

**Laws published but once.** That hereafter all laws ordered to be printed in all or any of the newspapers of the state, shall intend that the same shall respectively be printed but once in said paper or papers, unless otherwise specially ordered.

Approved, January 18th, 1847.

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RESOLUTION—NO. 7.

CAVALRY COMPANY.

**JOINT RESOLUTION** instructing our representatives in congress to use their exertions to obtain six months pay for the volunteer company of cavalry, disbanded at Fort Atkinson on the 5th of October, 1846.

**Preamble.** Whereas, On the 24th of July, 1846, the secretary of war authorized his excellency Governor Clarke, to raise a company of cavalry to be sta-