

## RESOLUTION—NO. 12.

## MILITARY ROAD.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION for a military road from Iowa City, via Fort Des Moines, in Polk county, to some point on the Missouri river.

**Preamble.** Whereas, in the opinion of the Legislative Assembly of the state of Iowa, the establishment of a military road from Iowa City, via Fort Des Moines, in Polk county, to some suitable point upon the Missouri river, within the limits of the state, would be greatly conducive to the public interests, by increasing the facilities of communication between the eastern and western portions of said state; and,

Whereas, the said road, in almost its entire route, would pass through a section of the state remote from the navigable water courses, and would thereby tend to facilitate the sale of large tracts of the public domain, which must otherwise for a long time remain unsold. It would also be the shortest and most direct route, through the interior of the state from the Mississippi to the Missouri river. Therefore,

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

**Representatives instructed.** That our representatives in congress be instructed to use their best exertions to obtain an appropriation for the establishment of a military road from Iowa City, via Fort Des Moines, in Polk county, to some suitable point upon the Missouri river, within the limits of this state.

Resolved, that the governor of the state be requested to forward copies of the above preamble and resolution to our representatives in congress.

Approved, January 27th, 1847.

## [198] RESOLUTION—NO. 13.

## MAIL ROUTE.

JOINT RESOLUTION providing for a mail route from Fairfield to Oskaloosa.

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

That our delegates in congress be requested to use their influence in obtaining the establishment of a mail route from Fairfield, in Jefferson county, to Oskaloosa, in Mahaska county, and thereby extend mail facilities to the numerous population in the south and west of this state.

Resolved, that his excellency, Ansel Briggs, be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of our representatives in congress at as early a day as practicable.

Approved, February 2d, 1847.

## RESOLUTION—NO. 14.

## IOWA RIVER.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the improvement of the Iowa river.

**Preamble.** Whereas, the Iowa river, passing as it does, through a portion of this state that has but few facilities for conveying its large amount of annual products to a market; and

Whereas, the said river, in a state of nature, affords an insecure navigation only for about one month in the year; and

Whereas, the river being admirably adapted to the building of dams for the purpose of slack-water navigation, and, added to the importance of the navigation of said stream, is the vast amount of hydraulic power which would be obtained by the construction of dams, which alone would be of incalculable advantage to the country through which it passes: Therefore,

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

**Request to representatives.** That our representatives in congress be requested to use their best exertions to obtain an appropriation, either of land or money, sufficient to improve the navigation of the said river from its mouth to Iowa City, the capital of this state.

Resolved, that the governor of the state be requested to forward copies of the above preamble and resolutions to our representatives in congress.

Approved, February 2d, 1847.

[199] RESOLUTION—NO. 15.

MAIL ROUTE.

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting our representatives in congress to procure the establishment of certain mail routes.

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

**Tri-weekly mail from Keokuk to Dubuque.** That our representatives in congress be requested to use their influence to procure the establishment of a tri-weekly mail, instead of the present weekly mail, on the route from Iowa City to Montrose, and have the same extended to Keokuk, in this state, and also to have the same mail route extended to Dubuque, in this state.

Resolved, that his excellency, the governor, be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the postmaster general, and to each of our representatives in congress.

Approved, February 3d, 1847.

RESOLUTION NO. 16.

MAIL ROUTE.

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting our representatives in congress to procure the establishment of certain mail routes.

Whereas, there is no direct mail route to and from the seat of government of this state, in a southwesterly direction; and

Whereas, there is great delay in the conveyance of letters and papers to the southwestern counties, from the seat of government: therefore:

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

**Mail from Iowa City to Ottumwa.** That our representatives in congress be requested to use their influence to procure the establishment of a mail route from Iowa City, by Sigourney, the county seat of Keokuk county, to Ottumwa, the county seat of Wapello county, and thence to Bloomfield, the county seat of Davis county.