

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.

Resolved, that the governor be requested to forward a copy of the above preamble and resolution to each of our representatives in congress.

Approved, February 3d, 1847.

[200] RESOLUTION—NO. 17.

CEDAR RIVER.

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

Preamble. . . Whereas, Cedar river passing through many of the most fertile and central counties of this state, affords in its natural state but a very partial, insecure and uncertain conveyance to market of the large amount of surplus produce raised in its vicinity, and the great distance to which said produce has now to be carried by land to obtain a market, and the consequent expense attending it, leaves but little, if any, profit to the producer; and,

Whereas, said causes prevent the greater settlement of the country and purchase of the land contiguous to the same; and

Whereas, said river contains as much, or more, water than any river in the state, and is well adapted for erecting dams for the purpose of creating slack water navigation; and,

Whereas, besides the advantages of the navigation of the stream, the dams thus erected would afford a vast amount of water for propelling machinery which would greatly conduce to the public benefit. Therefore,

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

Instructions to representatives. That our representatives in the congress of the United States be instructed to use their best endeavors to obtain an appropriation, either of lands or money, sufficient to improve the navigation of said river, from its mouth, or where it empties into the Mississippi river, after its junction with the Iowa river, to the commonly called forks of said river, in the county of Blackhawk in this state.

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

Approved, February 3rd, 1847.

RESOLUTION—NO. 18.

MAIL ROUTE.

JOINT RESOLUTION for a mail route from Keokuk to Fairfield.

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

Intermediate points. That our representatives in congress are hereby requested to use their influence in [201] procuring the establishment of a mail route from the town of Keokuk, West Point, Salem and Glasscoe, to Fairfield, in Jefferson county; and that his excellency the governor be, and he is hereby requested to forward a copy of this to each of our representatives in congress, and to the postmaster general.

Approved, February 10th, 1847.