

## NUMBER 12.

## MEMORIAL FOR A GRANT OF LANDS.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS asking Congress for a grant of lands to aid in the construction of a Railroad from McGregor, on the Mississippi River, to a point in the Western bounds of the State of Iowa, between Sergeant's Bluffs and the North boundary of the State.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives*

*of the United States of America in Congress assembled :*

Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, would respectfully represent that, by an Act of Congress approved May 15th, 1856, in answer to a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, a grant of lands was made to said State to aid in the construction of three of the four Railroads named in said memorial. That one of the Railroads, to-wit: that from McGregor westward, named in said memorial of the General Assembly of Iowa, was omitted from, or left out of the said grant. That the route of said Railroad from McGregor westward, would follow very nearly the forty-third parallel of north latitude, and would commence from a point at least eighty miles north of Dubuque, by the course of the Mississippi River, and in its entire length would traverse a line about forty miles north of that of the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad.

That, in our opinion, a great portion of the northwestern part of the State of Iowa, and the southwestern portion of the State of Minnesota, must remain for a long time unsettled, unless encouraged by Railroad facilities. That it is believed that the granting of alternate sections of land to this State, under proper restrictions, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of the Railroad above mentioned, will have a direct tendency to promote, not only the best interests of the States of Iowa and Minnesota, but of the General Government; therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That our Senators in Congress are hereby instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best endeavors to procure the passage of a law granting to the State of Iowa alternate sections of land along the line of the proposed Railroad, to an equal extent and under like privileges and restrictions with the grants made to the said other Railroads of Iowa, by said Act of May 15, 1856, exempting and excepting all lands heretofore granted by Congress to the State of Iowa, or claimed by actual settlers, to-wit: Commencing at McGregor, on the west bank of the Mississippi River, thence running westward by the most practicable route, on or near the forty-third parallel of north latitude, to a point in the western bounds of Iowa, between Sergeant's Bluffs and the north boundary

of the State, and that the lands likely to be within the scope of the applied for grant, now for sale, be immediately withdrawn from market; and wherever the lands are not in market, the same be withheld from sale until sufficient time shall have expired for the particular location of this Railroad, and the selecting of the lands to be conveyed in said grant.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be and is hereby instructed to forward a copy of the foregoing memorial and resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Approved March 8th, 1864.

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### NUMBER 13.

CLAIM OF S. T. PIERCE.

#### A JOINT RESOLUTION:

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the Board of Commissioners appointed to audit claims against the War and Defense Fund be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to audit the claim of S. T. Pierce of Lee county for services in Company "A" of the Southern Border Brigade during the months of November, 1862, and January and February, 1863.

And the said Board shall allow to said Pierce, so much as they may find due him for the time he was actually on duty, and for which he has received no pay on account of the omission of the name from the pay roll, and the same shall be paid out of the War and Defense Fund.

Approved March 19th, 1864.

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### NUMBER 14.

IOWA SANITARY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, On the 18th day of November, 1863, a convention of citizens of Iowa was held in this city which resulted in the formation of an association known as the "Iowa Sanitary Commission," and said association having become incorporated and declared its