

## NUMBER 21.

## AMENDMENT—U. S. CONSTITUTION.

## JOINT RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Measures are pending in Congress whereby it is proposed that the Constitution of the United States be so amended as to forever prohibit Slavery in any portion of the United States.

1st. *Therefore, be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their influence to have the initiatory measures adopted by Congress whereby the Constitution of the United States shall be so amended as to forever prohibit Slavery and involuntary servitude in the United States, or in any part thereof, except for the punishment of crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, and authorizing Congress, by appropriate legislation, to carry such provisions into practical operation.

2d. *Resolved,* That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved April 5th, 1864.

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The following Joint Resolutions were passed by the 10th General Assembly, but not enrolled, and being of general interest, it is thought best to publish them with the other Acts and Resolutions of the Legislature:

## JOINT RESOLUTION asking additional Mail facilities.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That our Senators in Congress be and are hereby instructed and our Representatives requested to use their influence to secure at their earliest possible time the establishment of the following mail routes and mail facilities, viz:

From Council Bluffs City via Keg Creek, Newtown, Harris' Grove, Oakfield and Hamlin's Grove to Dalmanutha, over what is known as the Ballard State Road, which places are without any mail facilities whatever.

Also, a daily mail from Nevada, Story county, through Webster City to Fort Dodge in Webster county; also a daily mail from Des Moines City along the west side of the Des Moines River to Fort Dodge in Webster county.

Also, a semi-weekly mail from Fort Dodge via Rolfe, the county seat of Pocahontas county, on the west side of the Des Moines river, to Spirit Lake and Okoboji, in Dickinson county.

Also, a daily mail from Fort Dodge to Sioux City via Sac City, Ida Grove and Correctionville.

Also, a tri-weekly mail from Vinton to Blirstown in Benton county to connect with the mail route now established from Marenngo to Blirstown.

Also, a daily mail from Marshalltown in Marshall county, via Boonsboro, New Jefferson, Carrollton and Dennison to Onawa City in Monona county—being along the line of the Cedar Rapids and Missouri River Railroad.

Also, a tri-weekly mail from Onawa City in Monona county, via the Maple Valley, (which is destitute of any mail facilities,) to Ida Grove in Ida county.

Also, a tri-weekly mail from Onawa City in Monona county via Kennebec, Smithland, Correctionville, Cherokee, O'Brien and Peterson, to Spirit Lake in Dickinson county.

Also, a tri-weekly mail from the City of Des Moines via Indianola in Warren county and Osceola and Hopeville in Clark Co., to Mt. Ayr in Ringgold county.

Also, a daily mail from Decorah in Winneshiek county via Howard Centre in Howard county, to Osage in Mitchell county.

Also, a daily mail from Dyersville in Dubuque county via New Vienna to Colony in Delaware county.

Also, a daily mail from Nevada in Story county via Iowa Centre to the City of Des Moines, (there being now a daily stage on said route.)

Also, a weekly mail from Dalmanutha in Guthrie county, via Holiday's in Adair county, and Pilot Grove in Township No. 77, north of range No. 29, west 5th P. M. to North Branch, and thence on the State road to the City of Des Moines.

Also, a daily mail from the City of McGregor, Clayton county, to Wankon in Alamakee county.

Also, a tri-weekly mail from Winterset in Madison county, via Afton, Union county, to Bedford, Taylor county.

Also, a tri-weekly mail from Osceola in Clark county, to St. Joseph in Missouri.

Also, mail service on the route now established from St. Charles (Charles City Postoffice), Floyd county, via Belmond, Goldfield and Eagle Grove, in Wright county, to Fort Dodge in Webster county.

Also, a weekly mail from Maysville in Franklin county, via Otisville, Wall Lake and Eagle Grove in Wright county, to Dakota in Humboldt county.

*And be it further resolved.* That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

A JOINT RESOLUTION instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to use their influence to extend the time for the grants of Railroad Lands.

WHEREAS, By act of Congress approved May 15th, 1856, certain lands were granted to the State of Iowa, in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of certain Railroads in said State; and

WHEREAS, By the provisions of said act, said roads are required to be completed within ten years from the date of the approval thereof; and

WHEREAS, Owing to the great financial crisis, and the great scarcity of labor, caused by the demand of the Government for men in putting down the rebellion, the Railroad Companies have been unable to comply with the requirements of said act, and will be unable to complete said roads before the expiration of the time allowed by said act: therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,*

That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use their influence to secure the passage of a law extending the time as fixed in said act for the construction of said roads, for the term of six years from and after the 15th day of May, 1866, subject to such conditions as the General Assembly of this State may impose, concerning the progress and completion of said roads, and the adjustment of conflicting claims to said lands, or any part of them, growing out of said grant.

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MEMORIAL to Congress asking for an appropriation for the location and construction of a Military and Wagon Road up the Valley of the Niobrara River to Gallatin, in Idaho Territory.

WHEREAS, The late discoveries of immense and productive gold fields on the upper waters of the Missouri and Columbia Rivers, thereby attracting vast numbers of emigrants and settlers to those inviting gold fields, creates the necessity for a safe, direct and feasible military and wagon road, by the nearest and most practicable route, to those mines: therefore,

*Be it resolved,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best efforts to procure an appropriation, at the present session of Congress, for the location and construction of a military and wagon road from some point on the west side of the Missouri River, at or near the mouth of the Niobrara River, in Nebraska Territory, running thence up the valley of said Niobrara River, by the nearest and most practicable route, to Gallatin, in Idaho Territory.

*Resolved*, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions, duly authenticated, be transmitted by the Secretary of State to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

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JOINT RESOLUTION instructing our Senators in Congress and requesting our Representatives to procure the passage of a law granting bounties to soldiers.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested to use their influence to procure the passage of a law granting bounties to all soldiers who have been mustered into the service of the United States and have been honorably discharged therefrom in consequence of disease contracted while in said service, and in the proper discharge of their duty.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be directed to forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of this Resolution.