

NUMBER IV.

COL. JOHN C. ABERCROMBIE.

RESOLUTIONS in Relation to Col. John C. Abercrombie of Des Moines County.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant-Colonel John C. Abercrombie, for over three years a brave and efficient officer of the Eleventh Iowa Infantry, also a member of the First Iowa Infantry during its existence, and having also served as an enlisted man during the Mexican war, is now totally and hopelessly blind, and otherwise disabled, as is believed from exposures and hardships endured while in the service of his country; and

WHEREAS, The origin of these disabilities is not susceptible of that clear and undoubted proof, tracing effect to cause, required by the pension bureau; and

WHEREAS, Col. Abercrombie, recently bereft of a beloved wife, has three small children with no means for their or his support, having already expended the accumulations he had been able to make; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be earnestly requested to use their best efforts to secure the passage of an act granting to Lieut.-Col. John C. Abercrombie a full pension corresponding to his rank in the service.

Resolved, That we tender to Col. Abercrombie our admiration for his heroic and patriotic services, and our deep sympathy with him in his present affliction.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to forward a certified copy of this preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to Hon. W. W. Belknap, Secretary of War, and to Col. John C. Abercrombie, at Burlington, Des Moines county, Iowa.

Approved, February 3, 1870.

NUMBER V.

LAND GRANT.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION Asking Congress for a Grant of Land to aid in the Construction of a Railroad from O'Brien County, Iowa, to some point on the Missouri River at or near Yankton, in Dakota Territory.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled: Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, would respectfully represent: That