

Henry C. Anderson all pay and allowances from the General Government, forfeited by reason of said decision, and that the Secretary of State be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

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## NUMBER XVI.

### IMPROVEMENT OF THE DES MOINES RAPIDS.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION in Relation to Improvement of the Des Moines Rapids of the Mississippi River.

WHEREAS, The Federal Government has by appropriation provided for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river by the construction of a canal around the Des Moines rapids; and

WHEREAS, The work thereon has been for a time in progress, and should be completed at an early day; and

WHEREAS, It is the wisest economy to provide for such early completion, to the end that the expense and risk of transportation over said rapids may be saved to the people, and that the salaries of the officers and government employes in charge may also be saved; and

WHEREAS, It is an absolute necessity that a part of said work, to-wit: the blasting, opposite Montrose, should be immediately provided for, in order that all of that part of said work may be done in one season, as otherwise it will be necessary to incur double expense by the erection of two coffer-dams, instead of the one that will be required if the work is so provided for by the necessary appropriation; and

WHEREAS, The engineers in charge of the entire work have presented to the War Department an estimate of the appropriations needed for these said purposes; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators in Congress be, and they are hereby instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their influence in procuring the appropriations asked in said estimates.*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.*

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