

## NUMBER XXII.

## FOX AND WISCONSIN RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

## MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION in Reference to Fox and Wisconsin Rivers.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :*

The memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa represents, that the project of connecting the Mississippi river and lake Michigan, by navigable channels, through the Wisconsin and Fox rivers, appears to your memorialists to be of great importance to the country, and especially to the great Northwest; and,

WHEREAS, Congress did, by its own act, reserve the waters of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers as public highways, and did, by an act approved August 8th, 1846, grant lands in alternate sections along said rivers, to aid in improving and connecting the same by a canal, in the then Territory of Wisconsin; and that during the construction of said improvements along the Fox river, and before said work was completed, the Secretary of the interior construed the law, by reason of a clerical error, to include a grant of lands to the Fox river only, thus leaving this important work but a little more than half completed; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That our members of Congress be requested to urge such an appropriation, either in public lands, from the States of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, or money from the United States Treasury, as will supply the deficiency and accomplish the work at the earliest practicable moment: *Provided,* that any appropriation of land or money, made by Congress, in aid of the Wisconsin and Fox river improvement, shall be upon such conditions as to secure the regulation and control of the entire route from the Mississippi to the lake, to Congress, without the intervention of any private corporation or company, to the end that the tolls may be reduced to the lowest charges which shall be sufficient to maintain the improvement in perfect condition for public use.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State is directed to forward a copy of this preamble and joint resolutions to the President of the United States Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, with the request that they be laid before each house of Congress; and that a copy also be sent to each member of Congress from the State of Iowa.

Approved, April 12, 1870.