

NUMBER IX.

LAND-GRANT TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

JOINT RESOLUTION asking Congress to Pass a Law granting 160 Acres of Land to Honorably Discharged Soldiers and Sailors of the War of the Rebellion.

WHEREAS, The perpetuity of the Union of the United States, and the permanent security of the liberty and freedom of our people thereunder, and the stability of our republican form of government has been established and insured by the self-sacrificing devotion, bravery, and endurance of our common soldiers and sailors throughout the four years of our late bloody civil war; and

WHEREAS, The right to and sovereignty over the public domain *is* [are] due solely to the valor of our national armies in preserving the national possessions, and upholding the national authority; and

WHEREAS, It has been the custom of our government after all former wars, as a token of gratitude for heroic services performed for the republic, to grant, to the honorably discharged soldiers engaged therein, military warrants or bounty lands, and no such grant has been made to the soldiers of the war of the rebellion; 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 introduce a bill and endeavor to secure the immediate passage of a law, granting to each and every honorably discharged officer, soldier, and sailor of the war of the rebellion, 160 acres of land out of the public domain, upon his making oath that he bona fide intends to make a home thereon.

2d. That the Secretary of State is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved, February 26th, 1872.

NUMBER X.

INDIAN POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the Indians.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Iowa, That our Senators in Congress be instructed,