

and our Representatives be requested, to sustain the President of the United States in his present policy for the management of the various Indian tribes, and to vote against any bill or resolution the object of which is to open the country known as the Indian Territory for the introduction of white or citizen settlement, or for corporate or speculative purposes, the same being in violation of the solemn pledges of the government of the United States, as set forth in its treaties of 1866 and 1867, with the Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Seminole nations, wherein the government purchased and received in trust from said tribes the western half of said territory, specifically for the removal to and settlement therein of the scattered tribes of Kansas, Nebraska, and other States, and the uncivilized tribes of the plains, providing fully, in all the treaties with the latter migrating tribes, that they should, on taking homes in said Indian Territory, be fully protected therein from any further encroachment.

That, inasmuch as the tribes occupying said territory, and those removing thereto, can have no provision for homes east, west, north, or south of the same, it becomes an additional duty, as well as policy of the government, faithfully to protect them in this their final home.

Approved, February 24th, 1872.

NUMBER XI.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION IN REFERENCE TO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to Amend Section 10, Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the following amendment be proposed to the constitution of this State, viz.: Strike out section 10, of article 5, of the constitution relating to the judicial department, and insert the following: Section 10. The State shall be divided into the requisite number of judicial districts for the prompt dispatch of legal business, and the General Assembly may from time to time increase or diminish the number of said districts, or the number of Judges of the Supreme Court, but no diminution of the number of judges shall have the effect of removing a judge from office, nor shall the number of Judges of the Supreme Court be increased or diminished by more than one during any one period of four years.

SEC. 2. That the foregoing proposed amendment be referred to the General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election

thereof, and shall be published for three months previous to the day of such election in one weekly newspaper in each congressional district of the State, under the direction of the Secretary of State.

Approved, March 29th, 1872.

N U M B E R X I I .

NIAGARA FALLS SHIP CANAL.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION of the Legislature of Iowa, in Relation to the Niagara Falls Ship Canal.

Your memorialists, the legislatures of the State of Iowa, would state that the agricultural and other material interests of the entire West, and more especially of this State, require—indeed, demand—increased facilities for transportation between the grain fields of the West and the Eastern and European markets, than is now or ever can be afforded by the railroads and the partial and imperfect system of water transit now existing. So wide-spread and universal has this conviction become disseminated among the people of the West—indeed of the whole country—that efforts are now being made, and an enterprise inaugurated, to open up and perfect a system of continuous steam navigation between the valley of the Mississippi and the Atlantic ocean, by the way of the Wisconsin and Fox rivers to Lake Michigan, thence by the way of the northern lakes, river St. Lawrence, and Lake Champlain, whereby the rates of transportation can be so reduced that the cereals and other agricultural products of the Western States can at once command the provision markets of Western Europe, from which they are now practically excluded in consequence of the excessive cost of transportation thither. There is an equally strong conviction that by overcoming the barrier at Niagara Falls, all other obstructions to continuous steam navigation to the Atlantic seaboard will be speedily removed, probably as soon as the works at that point can be constructed; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to give their earnest attention to this subject, and if in their judgment this enterprise should appear to be feasible, and that it will conduce to the object sought to be secured, (to-wit: cheap transportation,) to urge upon Congress that such aid be rendered by the General Government as will accomplish the end in view, to-wit: the construction of a ship canal around the Falls of Niagara, on the American side thereof, as speedily as possible.