

a joint committee, consisting of two members on the part of the senate and three on the part of the house, be appointed to investigate the financial and other affairs of the Iowa state agricultural college and farm in regard to all charges relating to the illegal or improper use of funds belonging to said college, from whatever source arising; also in regard to the course of study and practice pursued at said college; also whether said farm is in any true sense a model farm as contemplated by the act of the Seventh General Assembly establishing said college and farm; also in regard to all other of the official acts of the board of trustees and other officers of said college, which the said committee may deem needful to a full and complete investigation of the affairs of said college; and

Be it further resolved, That the investigation of said committee shall extend back to the organization of said college, taking careful account, among other things, of all the moneys received and disbursed by the financial officers of said college and carefully examining and reporting whether the same have been expended for their legitimate and lawful uses, and that to accomplish these ends and secure a fair and full investigation and report of the matters herein contained, the said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to employ a clerk, a short-hand reporter, an expert accountant, and any other assistance they may deem necessary; to sit during the sessions of the senate and the house, and to do all things necessary to render its investigations thorough and complete, and to make a report to this general assembly, and to have the evidence and the report printed by the state printer for the use of the senate and the house.

Be it further resolved, That the sessions of this committee shall be open to the public.

Approved February 2d, 1874.

NUMBER 3.

DES MOINES RIVER LANDS.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Memorializing the Congress of the United States to appropriate Money to Indemnify the Holders of Pre-emption and Homes cad Certificates, and Certificates of Entry and Patents upon Lands in Iowa, within the so-called Des Moines River Grant, on Account of Failure of Title, &c.

WHEREAS, There is now pending before congress a bill having for its object the appropriation of the sum of (\$104,228) four hundred and four thousand and two hundred and twenty-eight dollars, from the national treasury, to indemnify the holders of pre-emption certificates and certificates of entry and patents upon lands in Iowa within the so-called Des Moines river grant, on account of the failure of the title of said holders to said lands; and

WHEREAS, Said holders purchased said lands in good faith and for a valuable consideration from the general government, and in good faith made permanent and valuable improvement thereon; and

WHEREAS, The said holders of said certificates and occupiers of said lands have, without any fault of their own, been deprived, by the decision of the federal judiciary, of their titles to said lands, and have thereby suffered

actual loss to the extent of the sum above specified in the aggregate, as appears by the report of the commissioners appointed by the president for the purpose of ascertaining such loss; and

WHEREAS, We believe such report just and true, and that said holders of said certificates are justly and truly entitled to be indemnified; therefore

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa;

1st. That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to earnestly support the bill recently introduced into the house of representatives of the United States by the Hon. Jackson Orr, entitled "A bill to authorize the secretary of the interior to indemnify the holders of "pre-emption and homestead certificates and certificates of entry and patents upon lands in Iowa, within the so-called Des Moines river grant, on "account of failure of title, and to procure a relinquishment of the paramount title to [the] United States."

2d. *Resolved,* That the secretary of state be and is hereby directed to furnish each of our senators and representatives in congress a copy of these resolutions.

Approved February 3d, 1874.

NUMBER 4.

THE RAILROAD BRIDGE AT CLINTON.

JOINT RESOLUTION in Relation to the Railroad Bridge across the Mississippi River at Clinton, Iowa.

WHEREAS, All the railroad bridges across the Mississippi river are by law open to the use of all railroads desirous of using the same, except the railroad bridge at Clinton, Iowa, which is used exclusively by the Chicago and Northwestern railroad; and

WHEREAS, There are *two* lines of railroads on the east side of the Mississippi river, desirous of crossing said bridge at Clinton and connecting with other railroads in this state, thereby increasing the facilities for transportation eastward of the farm products of this state to the greater advantage of the people thereof; therefore

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our honorable senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to use their utmost endeavors to obtain the early passage of an act providing for the opening of said railroad bridge at Clinton to the use of all railroads desirous of crossing the same, on payment of a just and reasonable compensation for such use.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be certified by the presiding officers of this general assembly and copies thereof be forthwith forwarded to said senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 3d, 1874.