

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.