

oppressive tariffs on the transportation of their products to the markets of the world, and

WHEREAS, In order to make this great national highway answer the full measure of its usefulness in affording greater facilities and safer passage for vessels of larger tonnage, it is of the utmost importance that the work on the rapids of the upper and lower Mississippi should be speedily completed.

Be it therefore resolved, that our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to advocate and vote for in congress such measures as will most speedily and successfully secure this result.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be directed to forward copies of this preamble and resolution to the president of the senate of the United States and to the speaker of the house of representatives with a request that they may be laid before each house of congress and that copies be sent to each senator and member of congress from this state.

Approved January 28, 1876.

N U M B E R 3 .

DES MOINES RIVER LANDS.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The title to the lands known as lands of the Des Moines River grant, up and along the Des Moines river above the mouth of the Raccoon Fork, after long years of litigation are still unsettled,

THEREFORE, Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested to use their utmost influence, and so vote for such congressional legislation, as will as far as just and practicable, secure the settlers on the lands of said grant, titles to their homes, and forever settle the title to and ownership of the lands of this grant.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be and is hereby instructed to forward a duly certified copy of the foregoing preamble and joint resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 3, 1876.

N U M B E R 4 .

GIVING CREDIT FOR FUNDS STOLEN FROM BREMER COUNTY TREASURY.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

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

WHEREAS, On the 2d day of January, 1862, the sum of \$2,086.73, belong-