

## NO. 7.

**PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS** on the subject of procuring from congress a compensation to the citizens of the United States, residing in Iowa, for their services and expenses in defending the southern border of the territory.

Whereas, in the fall and winter of 1839, an unjust claim was made by the governor of Missouri to a portion of the territory of the United States lying within the limits of Iowa:

And whereas, the marshal of Iowa, acting under the authority of the United States, and in pursuance of advice by the governor and district attorney of Iowa, and governed by a high sense of duty to the government of the United States, called for an armed posse to preserve the peace, and to resist the unlawful exercise of authority by the officers and citizens of an adjoining state, within the well known limits of Iowa:

And whereas, an armed posse, to the number of several hundred of the citizens of the United States, residing within the territory of Iowa, being prompted to obey a high sense of patriotic duty, and of their allegiance to the government of the United States, and in obedience to a call of the marshal of Iowa, marched in an inclement season, surmounting many difficulties, and at much personal inconvenience, to a distant border:

And whereas, an account of this service, and of some of those expenses, were taken in the summer of 1840, by Lieut. Ruggles, an officer of the United States, and by authority of the government thereof:

And whereas, the congress of the United States have hitherto made no appropriation for the payment of said services and expenses: therefore,

[164] *Resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa.*

That the Hon. A. C. Dodge, our delegate in congress for the territory, be respectfully requested earnestly to press upon the consideration of congress the justice of the claims of the citizens of the United States residing in this territory, for said services and expenses; and to ask an appropriation in money from the treasury, for the payment thereof, with interest.

Resolved, that the Hon. Augustus C. Dodge, be respectfully requested to urge upon the consideration of congress, an appropriation of money from the treasury, to pay the then marshal of Iowa his just account for his services and expenses in preserving the peace, and protecting the southern border of Iowa in the fall and winter of 1839.

Resolved, that his excellency, the governor of Iowa, be respectfully requested to address a copy of this preamble and these resolutions to our delegate in congress.

Approved, 6th February, 1844.

## NO. 8.

**JOINT RESOLUTION** for the establishment of certain Post Routes.

*Resolved, by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,*

That the Hon. A. C. Dodge, our delegate in congress, be and he is hereby requested to use his best exertions to obtain the establishment of the following weekly mail routes in this territory, to wit: from Washington, in Washington county, to Keokuk court house; thence to Mahaska court house; also, from Brighton, in Washington county, to Richland, in Keokuk county; thence

to Mahaska court house: also, from Fox post office, in Van Buren county; thence to Davis court house; thence to the centre of Appanoose county; also, from Fairfield, in Jefferson county; thence to Agency City; thence to Autumwa; thence to Eddyville, in Wapello county; thence through the six mile prairie, in Mahaska county: also, from Fairfield, in Jefferson county, to Mahaska court house; from Bloomington, in Muscatine county, via Moscow, in said county; thence to Tipton, Cedar county; thence to Franklin, in Linn county; thence to Marion, in said Linn county.

Resolved, that his excellency, the governor, is hereby respectfully requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Hon. A. C. Dodge, our delegate in congress.

Approved, 7th February, 1844.

[165] NO. 9.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS relative to Mail Routes.

*Resolved, by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,*

That our delegate in congress be requested to use his best exertions to cause the mail to be carried once a week, as provided for by act of congress, on mail route No. 4228, leading from Dixon, in the state of Illinois, via Sterling, Union Grove, Fulton City, Lyons, Independent Grove, and Washington Ferry, to Iowa City, in Iowa territory; and that he will use his exertions to cause the mail to be transported on said route via Dewitt, the county seat of Clinton county, instead of via Independent Grove.

Resolved, that he be requested to use his exertions to procure an alteration of mail route No. 4506, so that the mail may pass Dewitt, Clinton county; thence to Davenport, via Kirtley's ferry, instead of passing Point Pleasant.

Resolved, that the governor be requested to forward one copy of these resolutions to the post master general, and one to our delegate in congress.

Approved, 13th February, 1844.

NO. 10.

JOINT RESOLUTION for the relief of F. M. Irish.

*Resolved, by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,*

That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby allowed, out of any money in the hands of the secretary of the territory not otherwise appropriated, to F. M. Irish, for services rendered and losses sustained in April last, in the transportation of specie from Dubuque to Burlington, under the employment of O. H. W. Stull, late secretary of the territory: provided, that the said sum of two hundred dollars shall in no event be regarded as a debt due either from the territory or state of Iowa.

Approved, 14th February, 1844.