

## [167] NO. 14.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS relative to the university lands of Iowa territory.

Whereas, the congress of the United States, by an act approved July 20th, 1840, granted to the territory of Iowa two entire townships of land for a university:

And whereas, said lands were, under the provisions of the act aforesaid, to be selected under the authority of the secretary of the treasury;

And whereas, the said secretary did appoint, under the provisions of said act, William W. Dodge, of Scott county, territory of Iowa, who, proceeding under the authority of said appointment, selected only one section of land, a return of which was made to the land office at Dubuque, and then left the said territory:

And whereas, it is deemed highly important to the interests of the territory that the residue of said lands should be selected as early as practicable: therefore,

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

That the Hon. Augustus C. Dodge, our delegate in congress, be requested to present the foregoing facts relative to the aforesaid university lands, to the secretary of the treasury, and request him to appoint two suitable persons residing within said territory, to select said lands at as early a day as practicable.

Resolved, that we recommend L. Brown, of Dubuque county, and Uriah Biggs, of Van Buren county, Iowa territory, as suitable persons to act as sub-agents in the selection of said lands.

Resolved, that our delegate in congress be requested to use his influence to have a law passed, to allow the secretary of the treasury to select the following tract of government land for the benefit of the said university to-wit: the south-west quarter of section 25; east half and south-west quarter of the south-east quarter, of section 26; north half of section 35; and the north-west quarter of section 36, all in township 72, north of range 13 west, of the fifth principal meridian, and in the cession made to the United States by the treaty made the 11th day of October, 1842, by the Sac and Fox Indians, within which tract of 640 acres the "Pattern Farm," near the old agency, cultivated for the benefit of the Indians, is included.

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, 15h February, 1844.

## [168] NO. 15.

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the secretary of the territory to contract for the printing of the laws of the present session.

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

That the secretary of the territory be and he is hereby authorized to contract with Hughes and Williams, James Clarke, John B. Russell, William Crum,