

RESOLUTION No. 7.

MISSOURI WAR.

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 boundary of the territory of Iowa.

Preamble. 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 out 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 this state being prompted to obey, by 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, as 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, Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Instructions. That the Hon. A. C. Dodge and G. W. Jones, senators, and the Hon. Shepherd Leffler and Wm. Thompson, representatives in congress from this state, be respectfully requested earnestly to press upon the consideration of congress the justice of the claims of citizens of the United States residing in this state for said services and expenses, and to ask an appropriation in money from the treasury for the payment thereof with interest.

Resolved,

Copies forwarded. That his excellency, Gov. Briggs be requested to forward to each of our senators and representatives in congress a copy of this preamble and joint resolution.

Approved Dec. 27, 1848.

RESOLUTION No. 8.

LAND OFFICE.

JOINT RESOLUTION for the establishing of a land office at Fort Desmoines.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That the Hon. A. C. Dodge and G. W. Jones, our senators, and Shepherd Leffler and Wm. Thompson, our representatives in congress, be requested to

use their influence to obtain the establishment of a land office at Fort Des Moines, in Polk county, Iowa.

Resolved,

That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved Dec. 27, 1848.

[181] No. 9.

MUSCATINE ISLAND.

JOINT RESOLUTION asking a donation of land for the improvement of the Muscatine Island.

Preamble. *Whereas*, a large portion of the Muscatine Island, in the counties of Muscatine and Louisa, in the state of Iowa, to the extent of some forty or fifty thousand acres of land, is subject to inundation from the waters of the Mississippi river, during a great portion of the year, thereby wholly obstructing the sale of said lands by the government of the United States; and

Whereas, it is confidently believed that said lands are capable of being reclaimed and rendered saleable, by the construction of a levee along the bank of said Mississippi river from the high grounds on said island, below Bloomington, to the mouth of the Muscatine Slough; and

Whereas, it is believed that a grant to this state, of ten thousand acres of said lands, would be sufficient to construct said levee: Therefore

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Instructions. That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their endeavors to obtain the desired grant.

Resolved,

Copies forwarded. That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of this preamble and resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved Dec. 27, 1848.

No. 10.

MAIL ROUTE.

JOINT RESOLUTION asking a mail route from Prairie du Chien to Fort Atkinson.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That whereas Iowa and Wisconsin lying contiguous to each other are not connected by mail route at any point, in consequence of which a large tract of [182] settled country in the counties of Clayton and Winneshiek is deprived of mail facilities, therefore,

Resolved,

That A. C. Dodge and G. W. Jones, our senators, and S. Leffler and W. Thompson, our representatives in congress, be and they are hereby instructed