

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