

**Duty of secretary.** Resolved that the secretary of state be authorized to forward one copy of the aforesaid resolution to the president of [239] the United States senate, one copy to the speaker of the house of representatives, and one copy to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, January 4th, 1851.

## RESOLUTION NO. 9.

### BRIDGES.

JOINT RESOLUTION instructing our senators and requesting our representatives in congress, to procure for the state of Iowa, a donation of lands to be appropriated to aid in building bridges across the rivers of Turkey, Maquoketa, Wapsipinicon and Cedar, in the counties of Clayton, Delaware, Buchanan and Blackhawk. Whereas, the occupation by the Winnebago Indians until recently, of a vast tract of country drained by said river, has prevented the general government from bestowing a proportionate share of patronage upon the interior country on the north; and owing to the rapid settlement of said country, and the inability of the present settlers to bridge said streams without some assistance, therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,*

**Asking lands to build bridges.** That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested, to use their influence to procure for the state of Iowa, a donation of lands to be appropriated to aid in building the following bridges across the rivers of Turkey, Maquoketa, Wapsipinicon and Cedar, and applied as follows: Two sections for the north fork of Maquoketa at Rockville, two sections for the south fork at some point to be designated by the county commissioners of Delaware county. For the Wapsipinicon eight sections, four of which to be expended at Quasqueton, and four at Independence. Six sections for Cedar at the Rapids in or near town ninety, north; and ten sections for Turkey river, to be applied in equal portions at Millville, Peck's ford, Elkport and Eleador in the county of Clayton, in all twenty-eight sections. Said lands to be selected by the county commissioners or their successors in office of the respective counties in which said bridges are proposed to be built.

*Resolved,*

**Duty of secretary.** That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, January 9th, 1851.

## RESOLUTION NO. 10.

### ACTUAL SETTLERS.

JOINT RESOLUTION asking a donation of land to actual settlers.

Whereas, the preservation of the public liberty, and the perpetuity of our happy form of government, are dependent in a great degree upon the virtue and intelligence which are found among the independent freeholders of the country; and

Whereas, a great number of the able bodied inhabitants of the United States are destitute of a permanent home, and of the ready means of procuring a sufficiency of land upon which to obtain a certain livelihood for themselves and families; and

Whereas, it should be the policy of the national government to encourage, by every suitable means, the early settlement and cultivation of her extensive public domain, and thereby to promote the industry and comfort of the landless multitude within her borders. Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,*

**Lands for actual settlers.** That our senators and representatives in congress, be requested to use their efforts to procure the passage of an act granting to each landless head of a family who desires the same, a reasonable quantity of the public lands, upon such conditions as to improvement and occupancy, as in their judgment will secure a comfortable homestead for the use of said family.

*Resolved,*

That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing to our delegates in congress.

Approved, January 9th, 1851.

[241] RESOLUTION NO. 11.

GREENE'S REPORTS.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to Greene's reports.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,*

**Governor to subscribe for 250 copies at \$5 per copy—auditor to issue warrant.** That the governor be, and he is hereby authorized to subscribe for, and take, two hundred and fifty additional copies of the present volume of G. Greene's reports, at five dollars per copy, and that the auditor of the state issue his warrant for the same.

*Resolved, further,*

**District court in each county one copy.** That the secretary of the state furnish the district court of each county in this state, with one copy of said reports, to be deposited with the clerk of the district court in each county, to be kept by him for the use of the said court.

*Resolved, further,*

**Secretary to deposit 100 copies in his office.** That the secretary of state deposit one hundred copies of said reports so taken as aforesaid in his office, there to be kept and in no instance to be parted with until further orders of the general assembly.