

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.

Resolved, further,

Remainder deposited with librarian—exchange. That after the disposition and deposit as aforesaid, the remaining copies of said reports so taken as aforesaid, shall be deposited with the state librarian whose duty it shall be to exchange them to the best advantage for other law books for the use of the state library.

Approved, January 13th, 1851.

RESOLUTION NO. 12.

MAIL FACILITIES.

JOINT RESOLUTION for mail facilities.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,

Weekly mail. That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to exert their influence in procuring the transportation of the mail (on the route recently established [242] from Muscatine by the way of Tipton, Pioneer Grove and Anamosa to Prairie Duchain) in two horse coaches not less than once a week.

Resolved,

Duty of secretary. That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress, and also one to the post master general.

Approved, January 15th, 1851.

RESOLUTION NO. 13.

LAND OFFICE.

JOINT RESOLUTION for establishing a land office at Fort Desmoines.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,

Asking for land office. That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to continue to use their influence for the passage of a law establishing a land office at Fort Desmoines in Polk county Iowa.

Resolved,

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

Approved, January 18th, 1851.