

[204] RESOLUTION NO. 8.

DESMOINES RIVER.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION, asking congress to remove certain restrictions in the act granting lands to aid in the improvement of the Desmoines river.

Restrictions. Whereas, the improvement of the navigation of the Desmoines river is of immense importance to the growth and prosperity of the state of Iowa; and whereas, the law of congress making a grant of land to aid the state in improving the navigation of said river, restricts the state from selling said lands in larger quantities than will amount to thirty thousand dollars at one and the same time, thereby greatly retarding the state in the efforts made to raise the means to secure the hasty completion of said improvement; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Removal. That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, to use their best exertions to secure the passage of a law removing said restrictions, and placing said lands exclusively under the control of the state.

Resolved,

Secretary to forward. 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, January 24, 1853.

RESOLUTION NO. 9.

DES MOINES RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

JOINT RESOLUTION appointing a committee of investigation of the affairs of the Desmoines river improvement.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Committee—examine—send for persons, etc., oaths, etc.—report to governor—P. Brattain—also. That Joseph C. Knapp, of Van Buren county, Wareham G. Clark, [205] of the county of Monroe, and Alfred Hebard, of the county of Des Moines, are hereby appointed a committee to examine the books, papers, and accounts pertaining to, and belonging to the offices of commissioner and register of the Desmoines river improvement, up to the time when such examination and investigation shall be made, and said committee shall be authorized to send for persons and papers, and to administer oaths, and procure testimony to be taken, where the same may be necessary; and it shall be their duty to report to the Governor the number of acres granted for said improvement as shown by the books pertaining to said offices; the number of acres sold, the amount per acre; the whole amount received, and by whom the same has been paid, to whom paid, and for what services paid; and it shall be their duty to ascertain the amount due the