

state, from Paul Brattain, former treasurer of the "board of public works," and certify the same to the register, who is authorized, on the payment of the amount so ascertained, without interest, by said Brattain, or securities, to give to the person or persons paying the same, a certificate of final settlement of the accounts of said Brattain; they shall also ascertain and report the amount and present value of any lands formerly belonging to said grant, which are now owned by any of the present or past officers of said Des Moines river improvement.

Meet. Said committee are directed to meet on the first Monday of April, 1853, at Ottumwa, in Wapello county, or at any time by them agreed upon before the first day of October, 1853.

Compensation. Said committee shall be paid three dollars per day while so engaged, out of the funds belonging to the improvement.

Take effect. This act to be in force from and after its publication in the "Ottumwa Courier," and the "Des Moines Valley Whig."

Approved, January 22d, 1853.

Published in the "Ottumwa Courier," Feb. 3, and "Des Moines Valley Whig," Feb. —, 1853.

GEO. W. McCLEARY,
Secretary of State.

[206] RESOLUTION NO. 10.

HALF BREED TRACT.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION memorializing congress to cause the line of the half-breed tract, in Lee county, to be surveyed and established.

Treaty—half breed tract. Whereas, On or about the 4th day of August, A. D. 1824, the Sac and Fox tribe or nation of Indians, did conclude between themselves and the United States, a certain treaty, by which they not only conveyed certain lands to the United States, but also reserved the tract of land which lies between the Des Moines and Mississippi rivers, for the use of the half breeds of said tribe or nation, and

Terms. Whereas, said treaty, so far as the question at issue is concerned, is in these words, to wit: commencing in the Missouri river, at a point opposite the middle of the mouth of the Kansas river, thence north one hundred miles, thence east to the Mississippi river; and

Line unsurveyed. Whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly, by a large and respectable body of the citizens of the state, that no survey of said line, in accordance with the terms of said treaty, has ever been made, to the manifest injury of a large number of the citizens of said state; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Memorial for a survey of line—appropriation. That the congress of the United States be, and the same are hereby memorialized, to pass an act providing for the appointment of a commission to survey said line in accordance with the terms of said treaty; and also to make an appropriation therefor.

Resolved,

Copy to be forwarded. That a copy of this memorial and joint resolution be forwarded by the secretary of state, immediately, to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

Approved, January 22, 1853.

[207] RESOLUTION NO. 11.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

JOINT RESOLUTION, authorizing the secretary of state to forward the code of Iowa to the public libraries in the city of Washington.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Libraries. That the secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed, to forward one copy of the code of Iowa to each of the public libraries in the city of Washington, at the expense of this state.

Approved, January 24, 1853.

RESOLUTION NO. 12.

HOMESTEAD.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION of instruction upon the homestead bill.

Preamble. Whereas, the preservation of the public liberty and the perpetuity of our free happy form of government are dependent upon the virtue and intelligence of the masses of 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 sufficient ready means to procure a sufficiency of land upon which to obtain a certain livelihood for themselves and families; and,

Whereas, the best policy of the National Government is to afford every suitable encouragement for the early settlement and cultivation of her extensive domain, thereby to encourage the industry and promote the comfort of the landless within her borders, bettering the condition of her citizens and improvements of the country; therefore,

Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring therein,

Homestead. That [208] our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, to use their best efforts to procure the passage of some bill, the object of which will be to secure to the honest industry of our country a permanent home, and all the attributes of freedom.

Resolved,

Forward. That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing to our senators and representatives in Congress.

Approved, January 22, 1853.