

this duty, inasmuch as your honorable body has already made tea and coffee duty free, thereby increasing the consumption of these articles, and to the proper enjoyment of which sugar is indispensable, and the more especially as the Indispensable duties on sugar and molasses, amounting to near five millions of dollars the last year, are not wanted, there being now ^{Not needed.} a surplus of over 25 millions of dollars in the treasury of ^{Surplus now.} the United States, unavailable for any known purposes of government.

Your memorialists would respectfully suggest to your honorable body, that to tax heavily the necessaries of life, ^{Tax on necessaries.} has not been considered the policy of government for many reasons, as it oppresses those least able to bear them, the laboring classes of the community, and your memorialists hope that this principle will continue to distinguish your legislation.

Your memorialists, therefore, in view of these facts, and entertaining the opinion that every tax not necessary for the ^{Repeal the duty.} wants of the government is oppressive and unjust, would respectfully pray your honorable body to repeal the duty on sugar and molasses, and place them where they seem to belong, on the "free list," and by so doing relieve the laboring ^{Free list.} classes of the country from a heavy burden.

APPROVED 22nd January, 1855.

MEMORIAL N^o. 7.

MAILS IN THE INTERIOR.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION for additional mail facilities in the interior of the State.

Resolved, That our Senators be, and are hereby instructed, ^{Instruction.} and our Representatives in Congress requested, to use their influence to procure additional mail service in this State ^{Mail service.} as follows, to wit: A tri-weekly mail from Bloomfield, in Da-

Bloomfield to vis county, via Centerville, in Appanoose county, and Corydon, in Wayne county, to Leon, in Decatur county, in two horse coaches.

Capital to
Princeton, Mo. Also a tri-weekly mail from Fort Des Moines, in Polk county, via Indianola, in Warren county, Osceola, in Clark county, and Leon in Decatur county, to Princeton, in Mercer county, Mo., in two horse coaches.

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coaches.
Sec'y to for'd. *Resolved*, that the Secretary of State be hereby instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

APPROVED 23rd January, 1855.

MEMORIAL No. 8.

PACIFIC RAILROAD.

MEMORIAL in favor of the Pacific Railroad.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled:

Representation,
Railroad.
Miss. river to
Pacific Oc.
Advantages.
Cement the
Union.
Resources.
Eastern trade.
Commerce of
the world.
Religion.

Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, respectfully represent that in their opinion, the public good requires, and public sentiment demands, the construction of a railroad from the States bordering on the Mississippi river to the Pacific Ocean. Your memorialists will not attempt to specify the advantages that will accrue to the people of the United States by the construction of such a road. All admit that it will have a tendency to bind together the different States and Territories of the Union in the bonds of affection and interest—that it will develop and make available the resources of half a continent—that it will give to our country the command of the China and East India trade, and make it the great thoroughfare for the commerce of the world, and extend the blessings of civilization and christianity to places now filled with ignorance and superstition.

Manner of
construction. Nor will your memorialists attempt to indicate the man-