

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

the Missouri river; that the route is eminently adapted to the advantageous construction of a work of this character; that it is one of the great natural lines of projected railroads commencing between the east and west; that under the donation of lands made by Congress to said State, the northern portion received no benefit therefrom, and your memorialists believing that the construction of said road would greatly facilitate the settlement, and add largely to the wealth of the northern portion of said State, ask that a donation of land lying within the State may be made to aid in its construction.

Instructions. *Resolved*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested to use their influence to procure from the General Government, a donation of every alternate section, equal to three miles in width, on each side of said road, to be given to said company on such terms as in the opinion of the Legislature of this State may be just and reasonable.

Sec. transmit. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of State transmit a copy of this memorial and joint resolution to each of our members of Congress.

Approved Dec. 22, 1856.

 NUMBER 3.

SWAMP LANDS.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the swamp and overflowed lands.

Instructions. *Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use all honorable means in their power to procure the passage of a law, at the present session of Congress, in accordance with the joint resolution and memorial, passed at the late extra session of the General Assembly of Iowa, and approved July the 12th, 1856, confirming the selections of swamp and overflowed lands granted to the State of Iowa, and authorizing patents to be issued for all the lands that have been selected and reserv

ed from sale or entry at any of the land offices of this State.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress with a copy of this joint resolution, also a copy of the joint resolution and memorial passed at the last extra session of the Legislature, and approved July the 12th, 1856. Sec'y forward.

Approved Dec. 18, 1856.

NUMBER 4.

CUSTOM HOUSE AND HOSPITAL.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the establishment of a Custom-house and Marine Hospital in the city of Keokuk.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, Procure appropriation.
That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives requested to use all proper means to secure the establishment by the General Government of a custom-house and marine hospital in the city of Keokuk, and such appropriations for the construction thereof as may ensure their early completion.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be required to forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a duly certified copy of these resolutions. Sec'y forward.

Approved January 8, 1857.

NUMBER 5.

STATE BOUNDARIES.

JOINT RESOLUTION to Congress, asking the enlargement of the boundaries of the State of Iowa.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, Annexation.
That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives in Congress be requested to use their influence to procure the