

Ann Chaney, his widow and relict, infirm and impoverished by the disposition of said lands, (now worth \$100,000) as afore-said, by the General Government; and whereas, in view of the above facts, we deem it but an act of common justice on the part of the General Government, to reimburse the said widow and heirs of said Chaney for the property thus taken from them, therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* <sup>Instruction.</sup>  
That our Senators be instructed and our Representatives requested to use their influence to procure the passage of an act for the relief said Mary Ann Chaney and heirs.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State forward a copy of <sup>Secretary for-</sup> <sup>ward.</sup> the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress: *Provided,* the State shall be at no expense growing out of the passage and transmission of the foregoing memorial.

Approved January 21, 1857.

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## NUMBER 11.

### RAILROAD IRON.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION in favor of a repeal of the duties on railroad iron.

*Whereas,* the present duty on railroad iron imported from <sup>Preamble.</sup> abroad imposes a serious burden on the people of this State, by the increased expense thereby incurred, in the construction of railroads therein; and whereas, the present revenue of the General Government is much beyond its necessary and legitimate wants, and a repeal of these duties would, in no manner, embarrass the operations of the Government, whilst it would extend proper encouragement to the enterprises most calculated to develop the resources of the Western States and territories—therefore,

*Resolved,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, <sup>Repeal.</sup> and our Representatives requested, to use their influence and votes to procure a repeal of the duty aforesaid.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State be requested to

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send a copy of this preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and representatives at Washington.

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## NUMBER 12.

## PACIFIC RAILROAD.

MEMORIAL of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, to Congress, in favor of the Pacific Railroad.

**Pacific railroad** 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 Missouri river, on the western borders of the State of Iowa, to the Pacific ocean.

**Advantages.** Your memorialists will not attempt to enumerate 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 bonds of affection and interest; that it will develop and make available the resources of a great portion of the continent; that it will give to our country the command of the China and East India trade, and make it the thoroughfare for much of the commerce of the world, and extend the blessings of civilization and christianity to places now filled with ignorance and superstition.

**Best route.** Your memorialists will not presume to dictate whether the General Government should embark directly in the construction of so great a work, or whether it would be more prudent to aid private enterprise in its construction, by grants of land, mail contracts, &c., yet your memorialists do feel a deep interest that the most practicable and advantageous route for this road should be adopted.

**Platte valley.** Your memorialists firmly believe that the most feasible route is to be found in the valley of the Platte river, and through the South Pass of the Rocky Mountains. It is the natural highway to the shores of the Pacific, from the middle and western States, and the great emigrant road to