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JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

NUMBER 1.

[No. 8.]

JOINT RESOLUTION for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a Rail Road from McGregor to the Missouri River.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives requested to use their best exertions to procure from the general government a grant of land to the McGregor, St. Peters and Missouri River Rail Road Company, to aid in the construction of a rail road from McGregor, in Clayton county, on the Mississippi river, westward across the state of Iowa to the Missouri river.

Resolved further, That the secretary of state be, and he hereby is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives in the congress of the United States.

Approved March 31, 1860.

NUMBER 2.

[No. 10.]

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION asking for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a Rail Road as herein set forth.

To the Senate and House of Representatives,

Of the United States of America in Congress Assembled:

Your memorialists, the general assembly of the state of Iowa, would respectfully represent that the whole extent of country drained by the Missouri river and its tributaries is wholly destitute of fine timber, and greatly destitute of timber of any kind, unless it be the extreme north and western portions of the country so drained, thereby greatly retarding its settlement and growth. That the distance from the centre of this destitution, say at Council Bluffs, north easterly by the Boyer valley, to the vast pineries upon the head waters of the Mississippi, at some point as St. Peters in Minnesota, is less than 230 miles via. the Boyer valley in the state of Iowa, and it is believed that a railroad communication from the termination of the St. Joe and Council Bluffs railroad on the south line of the state of Iowa, via. Council Bluffs and the Boyer valley to the railroads of Minnesota, at or near St. Peters, would be not only to the states of Iowa and Minnesota, but to the general government, a great source of revenue, commencing at the point on the state line aforesaid, it runs via. Council Bluffs in Pottawattamie county, along the Missouri valley to where the Boyer valley joins it, thence in a north