

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

SESSION OF A. D. 1860.

NUMBER I.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS relative to grants of public lands to actual settlers and to passage of "The Homestead Bill."

Whereas, it is no longer the settled policy of the National Government to dispose of the public lands with the sole object of deriving a revenue therefrom; *And whereas*, a sound national policy, not less than a wise and generous philanthropy, indicates that the main object to be attained in the disposal of those lands, should be a speedy settlement by a free and industrious population, therefore

Resolved, by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the best interests of the whole country would be promoted by the passage of an act by the General Government, substantially throwing open the public lands, in limited quantities, to actual settlers, free of cost.

Resolved, That as a means of practical legislation, designed to secure the greatest of all material objects in a free State, "homes for all," we highly approve of the bill of the Hon. Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, just passed by the House of Representatives, at Washington, commonly known as the Homestead Bill; and we hereby declare the wish of the people of Wisconsin to be almost if not entirely unanimous that the said bill should become the law of the land.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the President of the United States, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved March 28, 1860.