

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

NUMBER 1.

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Senator Doolittle to resign.

WHEREAS, Joint resolutions were passed at the last session of the legislature of Wisconsin, declaring it to be the duty of Hon. James R. Doolittle to resign the office of United States senator, in which resolutions his course and votes upon measures devised by congress to secure permanent peace and protection to the people; his disobedience of instructions by the legislature to vote for the passage of the civil rights bill, and his desertion of the cause of human rights, were fully recited as reasons for thus declaring it to be his duty to resign;

AND WHEREAS, Senator Doolittle has disregarded said resolutions, and the wishes of the people of Wisconsin therein expressed, and yet adheres to his seat in the senate, in violation of duty, and did, in a speech in the senate, on the 28th of July last, wrongfully attribute the passage of said resolutions to a "tyrannical republican caucus, able to control a majority of the legislature," and has repeatedly declared in public speeches that the legislature passing said resolutions did not truthfully reflect the voice of the people;

AND WHEREAS, Senator Doolittle has renounced fidelity to his former professions and principles, has deliberately put himself in active antagonism to those principles of justice and equal rights which should be the foundation of republican government, by uniting his political fortunes with those of the enemies of the republic, has grossly betrayed a constituency that elevated him to the senatorship, and by faithlessness to the high trust confided to him has shown himself totally unworthy of further confidence and support;

AND WHEREAS, The people of the state of Wisconsin, uniting their voice with that of the nation, have delivered their solemn verdict in direct condemnation of the purpose, policy and course of the senator, and thereby adjudged him guilty of a flagrant breach of political trust: therefore,

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That Senator James R. Doolittle be and he is hereby instructed to resign his senatorial office.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward to the presiding officer of each house of congress and to each of our senators and representatives in congress, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution.

Approved January 26, 1867.

NUMBER 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the removal of the Stockbridge Indians.

WHEREAS, The tribe of Indians known as the Stockbridges, now residing in the Stockbridge reservation, in the county of Shawano, in the state of Wisconsin, as appears by the last report made by the Indian agent in and for the Green Bay agency to the commissioner of Indian affairs, are less favorably situated than either of the other tribes of the said agency, on account of the sterility of the soil occupied and cultivated by them, together with the coldness of the seasons and the frequency of frosts, which make it difficult for them to procure a living by farming ;

AND WHEREAS, Said tribe have been long friendly with the whites, are an industrious, intelligent, temperate and frugal people, willing to labor for their own support, and having children who exhibit willingness and capacity to learn ;

AND WHEREAS, Said tribe have petitioned the general government, through the commissioner of Indian affairs, for a new treaty providing for their removal to a more genial climate and fertile soil, which removal has been recommended by said commissioner as necessary for the improvement, comfort and happiness of said tribe : therefore,

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That our senators and representatives in congress be and they are hereby requested to aid in securing a new treaty between the general government and said tribe in accordance with the terms of their petition, now on file in the department of the interior, and with the recommendation of said commissioner.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward to each of our senators and representatives in congress a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution.

Approved February 1, 1867.