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.