

cently been commuted to twenty years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at Kingston, in one of the provinces of Canada ;

AND WHEREAS, There is good reason to believe that had said prisoners been permitted on their trials to have presented to the court such evidences of their innocence of the charges preferred against them as is contained in sworn affidavits now on file in the office of the secretary of state of the United States, said prisoners would have been able to have established, beyond any doubt, their non-complicity with the said Fenian invasion of Canada: therefore,

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That the state of Wisconsin, through her representatives in legislature assembled, does most respectfully but urgently solicit the Hon. Wm. H. Seward, as secretary of state of the United States, to interpose the influence of the United States government with the proper authorities of the province of Canada and of the kingdom of Great Britian, to procure the pardon and release of the said Robert B. Lynch and the Rev. Mr. McMahan.

*Resolved,* That the governor be and he is hereby requested to affix his official signature hereto, and transmit a copy of the same to the Hon. Wm. H. Seward, secretary of state of the United States.

Approved April 1, 1867.

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## NUMBER 21.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to amending section 1 of article 3 of the constitution of this state, relating to suffrage.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That section 1 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin be amended, so as to read as follows:

“ Every person of the age of 21 years or upward, belonging to either of the following classes, who shall have resided in the state for one year next preceding any election, shall be deemed a qualified elector at such election: 1st. Citizens of the United States. 2d. Persons of foreign birth, who shall have declared their intention to become citizens, conformably to the laws of the United States on the subject of naturalization. 3d. Persons of Indian blood, who have once been declared by law of congress to be citizens of the United States, any subsequent law of congress to

the contrary notwithstanding. 4th. Civilized persons of Indian descent, not members of any tribe: *providing*, that the legislature may at any time extend by law the right of suffrage to persons not herein enumerated; but no such law shall be in force until the same shall have been submitted to a vote of the people at a general election, and approved by a majority of all the votes cast at such election."

Approved April 11, 1867.

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### NUMBER 22.

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the board of trustees of the soldiers' orphans' home to admit certain children herein named.

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring*, That the board of trustees of the soldiers' orphans' home of Wisconsin, be and they are hereby authorized to admit into that institution, and to care and provide for, the four children of Mrs. Martha Thayer, whose husband is insane, in consequence of wounds received at the first battle of Bull Run, and is now and has been for some time an inmate of the Wisconsin hospital for the insane.

Approved April 11, 1867.