

successfully resists the unwarranted attempts at executive encroachments; that we approve the action of the United States senate in restoring him to the office from which he was unjustly suspended; that it is the desire of the citizens of the state of Wisconsin, that he shall remain in the war office so long as the country is in danger from the conspiracies of its enemies, whatever be their character or position, and that we honor General Grant for that obedience to law which prompted him at once to surrender the office of secretary of war to him upon whom it was conferred by our martyred president.

Resolved, That the governor of the state is hereby requested to transmit an attested copy of the foregoing to each of our senators and representatives in congress; to the presiding officer of each house of congress, and to the honorable Edwin M. Stanton.

Approved March 6, 1868.

NUMBER 17.

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the attorney general to discontinue the suit against Peter Stout & Co. and others as sureties on state printing contract.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the attorney general of the state is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue the suit now pending in the circuit court of the county of Dane against Peter Stout & Co. and other [their] sureties for failure to fulfill printing contract awarded to them in 1864; and said parties are hereby released from all penalties and damages arising from the non-fulfillment of said contract, on payment of costs of said suit.

Approved March 5, 1868.

NUMBER 18.

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the governor to appoint a committee to examine a route for a canal from the Rock to the Wisconsin river.

WHEREAS, The legislature of this state at its last session authorized the governor to appoint a committee to collect statistics relating to the Rock river improvement; and

WHEREAS, By their report it is evident that such contemplated improvement would be of great importance to the interests of the state, and should receive our fostering care and attention; and

WHEREAS, It is evident that a canal from the intersection of the Catfish with Rock river, through the chain of the four lakes to the Wisconsin river, at some point in the county of Sauk, would be of like importance to the interests of the state; therefore

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the governor appoint a committee to examine said proposed route for a canal from Rock river to the Wisconsin river, whose duty it shall be to carefully examine said route, and report thereon to him before the next session of the legislature; *provided,* that the state shall not be liable for any portion of the expense of such examination.

Approved March 5, 1868.

NUMBER 19

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the state historical society to donate books to the orphans' home.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the state historical society is hereby authorized to donate to the soldiers' orphans' home such juvenile books as they can spare for that purpose.

Approved March 6, 1868.

NUMBER 20.

JOINT RESOLUTION in regard to correcting the records of the war department by expunging the names of persons erroneously returned as deserters.

WHEREAS, It appears from the transcript procured by this state from the records of the war department at Washington, giving the names of persons, who being residents of this state