

*Be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring:* That his excellency, the president of the United States be and is hereby requested by this legislature on behalf of the people of the state of Wisconsin, to endeavor to effect the release of such American citizens from their present confinement, and restore them to their families.

*Resolved,* That the governor of this state is hereby requested to sign a copy of this resolution and forward it to his excellency, the president of the United States.

Approved February 17, 1870.

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### NUMBER 3.

JOINT RESOLUTION, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the state, so as to authorize the abolishment of the grand jury system.

WHEREAS, The legislature of this state, at its annual session for the year 1869, proposed and adopted by a vote of a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, an amendment to the constitution of this state in the following language:

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That section eight of article one of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin be amended so as to read as follows: Section 8. No person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense without due process of law, and no person for the same offense shall be put twice into jeopardy of punishment, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself. All persons shall before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for capital offenses when the proof is evident or the presumption great; and the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* shall not be suspended unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it; therefore,

*Resolved by the senate the assembly concurring,* That the foregoing amendment to the constitution be and the same is hereby agreed to by this legislature.

Approved March 2, 1870.