

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

SESSION OF A. D. 1861.

NUMBER I.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS, co-operating with friends of the Union throughout the United States.

Resolved, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the people of Wisconsin are ready to co-operate with the friends of the union everywhere for its preservation, to yield a cheerful obedience to its requirements, and to demand a like obedience from all others; and therefore adopt, as the sentiments of this legislature, the preamble and resolutions of the state of New York, as follows :

Whereas, The insurgent state of South Carolina, after seizing the post office, custom house, moneys and fortifications of the federal government, has, by firing into a vessel ordered by the government to convey troops and provisions to Fort Sumter, virtually declared war; and

Whereas, The forts and property of the United States government in Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana, have been unlawfully seized with hostile intentions; and

Whereas, As " treason, as defined by the constitution of the United States, exists in one or more of the states of the union;" and

Whereas, further, Senators and congressmen avow and maintain their treasonable acts: therefore,

Resolved, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the legislature of Wisconsin, profoundly impressed with the value of the union, and determined to preserve it unimpaired, hail with joy the recent firm, dignified and patriotic special message of the president of the United States; that we tender to him, through the chief magis-

trate of our own state, whatever aid in men and money may be required to enable him to enforce the laws and uphold the authority of the federal government, and in defence of the more perfect union which has conferred prosperity and happiness on the American people. Renewing the pledge given and redeemed by our fathers, we are ready to devote our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honors, in upholding the union and the constitution.

Resolved, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the union loving citizens of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee, who labor with devoted courage and patriotism to withhold their states from the vortex of secession, are entitled to the gratitude and admiration of the whole people.

Resolved, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the governor be respectfully requested to forward forthwith copies of the foregoing resolutions to the president of the nation and the governors of all the states of the union.

Approved January 21, 1861.

NUMBER II.

JOINT RESOLUTION, endorsing report of a minority of the select committee of 33 in Congress of the United States.

Resolved, (if the Assembly concur,) That the following resolution, reported by a minority of the select committee of 33, in the congress of the United States, and signed by Messrs. Tappan, of New Hampshire, and Washburne, of Wisconsin, reflects the judgment and sentiments of the legislature of Wisconsin, and that its wise and patriotic conclusions should be adequate to restore permanent peace and prosperity to our glorious republic :

“Resolved, That the provisions of the constitution are ample for the preservation of the union and the protection of all the material interests of the country ; that it needs to be obeyed rather than amended ; and that extrication from present difficulties should be looked for in efforts to protect and preserve the public prop-