

NUMBER 4.

JOINT RESOLUTION recommending disabled soldiers for postmasters and other officers.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That it is the desire of the people of Wisconsin, that the postoffices and other federal offices within the state, be given, first, to disabled soldiers who may be competent, and, next, to other veteran soldiers; that as we believe many of the soldiers in every locality to be competent for any office within the people's gift, we think the exceptions to this rule should be few.

The governor is hereby requested to forward to each of the senators and representatives in congress from this state, a copy of this resolution.

Approved February 23, 1865.

NUMBER 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION ratifying proposed amendment to constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS, The congress of the United States has, pursuant to article five (5) of the constitution, proposed to the legislatures of the several states the following article, as an amendment to the constitution of the United States, namely :

"ARTICLE THIRTEEN.

"SECTION 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or in any place subject to their jurisdiction.

"SECTION 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Therefore, resolved by the senate and assembly of the state of Wisconsin, in legislature assembled, That the said article, as such proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, be and the same is hereby ratified.

Approved March 1, 1865.