

## NUMBER 19.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS relative to the partial reimbursement by the general government of the loyal states for expenses incurred in suppressing the late rebellion.

WHEREAS, In the late war for the suppression of insurrection and rebellion against the federal government, the loyal states responded freely to every call for men and money, and expended large sums in recruiting, organizing and equipping volunteers;

AND WHEREAS, As these expenses were incurred for a common purpose, it seems but just that at least a portion of the burden should be made common, and should be borne proportionably by the whole country;

AND WHEREAS, At the last session of the 39th congress, a bill was introduced by Hon. James G. Blaine, of Maine, for this purpose, providing for the payment by the general government to each loyal state of \$55 for each ablebodied soldier furnished by such state for the three year term of service, which bill seems to be just and equitable in its provisions: therefore,

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That the 40th congress is respectfully requested to pass said bill, or one of similar purport, and that our senators and representatives in said congress are hereby requested to support and vote for the same.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state is hereby requested to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the president of the United States, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and to each of our senators and representatives.

Approved April 11, 1867.

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NUMBER 20.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to Robert B. Lynch and the Rev. Mr. McMahan.

WHEREAS, Robert B. Lynch, a citizen of the state of Wisconsin, and the Rev. Mr. McMahan, a citizen of the state of Minnesota, and both citizens of the United States, were several months since sentenced by a Canadian court to death, for their alleged connection with the Fenian invasion of Canada, which sentence has re-

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