

NUMBER 4.

JOINT RESOLUTION, relative to the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers.

WHEREAS, A complete survey of the Wisconsin river by the United States engineer department has shown that its channel can be so improved at a very moderate expense, as to afford unimpeded navigation from the Mississippi river to lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed improvement becomes important to us as a means of promoting the interests of producers and consumers, by opening up to the agricultural districts of the northwest, the markets of the east through a cheap water communication by way of the lakes; and

WHEREAS, A memorial adopted by the convention held at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, November 10, 1868, already concurred in by this legislature, showing more particularly the great importance of this project to the nation, has been submitted to congress; therefore

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the governor be, and he is hereby requested, as soon as consistent with the duties of his office, to attend upon the present session of congress, and urge upon the members thereof the necessity of an immediate and sufficient appropriation to secure such improvements, and to take such other steps to effect such object as to him may seem best.

Approved March 6, 1869.

NUMBER 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION, in regard to the St. Croix and Lake Superior railroad company.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the attorney general be and he is hereby instructed to institute the proper proceedings, at the earliest day practicable, to vacate the charter and annul the franchises of the St. Croix and Lake Superior railroad company, the said company having failed to comply with the provisions and requirements of chapter 95, general laws of 1868, entitled "an act to require railroad com-

panies receiving grants of land from the general government to locate their roads and select their lands within a certain time specified."

Approved March 6, 1869.

NUMBER 6.

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

WHEREAS, The congress of the United States has pursuant to article V of the constitution, proposed to the legislatures of the several states the following amendment to the constitution of the United States named Article Fifteen: "1. The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. 2. The 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 9, 1869.

NUMBER 7.

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

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That section eight of article 1 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 in 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 presump-