

No. 14.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the superintendent of public property be and is hereby required to file with the secretary of state monthly itemized bills for all moneys disbursed by him.

Approved March 13, 1876.

No. 15.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, This legislature learns that a bill is now before Congress, having for its object the bridging of Detroit river; and,

WHEREAS, The result of the passing of such a bill would very materially injure the commercial interests of our great lakes by obstructing this important avenue of our immense commerce, and would be productive of incalculable mischief and serious loss to our lake marine; and,

WHEREAS, It is preferable that a tunnel should be constructed at a point where competent engineers have determined that it is entirely practicable and adequate to secure all the advantages south, to be obtained by railways requiring economical means of crossing said river, and which would obviate the necessity of placing fatal obstructions in the strait that connects our great inland seas, which form a free highway without an equal on earth; and,

WHEREAS, The action of this Legislature has always been in favor of uninterrupted commerce between the states, and also of granting all facilities necessary to cheapen transportation from the west to the seaboard; and,

WHEREAS, Available means can be devised to accommodate railways crossing said river, without endangering a most important general interest; therefore,

Be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That this Legislature in conjunction with other states and communities interested in the commercial welfare of our great western states, do hereby most earnestly and emphatically protest against the bridging of the Detroit river, for the reason that extensive marine interests would be seriously affected by detention, damage and other causes that would necessarily follow the