NUMBER 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION instructing our senators and [requesting our] repre-
sentatives in congress to use their best efforts to secure the repeal of the
bankrupt law.

WHEREAS, The act of congress entitled " an act to establish
a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United
States," approved March 2d, 1867, by furnishing insolvents
with an opportunity to relieve themselves from heavy burthens
of debt which they were unable to pay, has met the exigency
which demanded its passage, and its continued existence as a
law furnishes unscrupulous debtors with a temptation to swin-
dle and defraud their creditors, while it at the same time gives
to creditors a despotic power over honest debtors that is re-
pugnant to the sense of freedom and justice of every Ameri-
can citizen ; and

WHEREAS, Through its provisions permiting suits to be
brought by assignees of bankrupts in the United States courts
for trivial sums, our citizens are compelled as a lesser evil,
to pay the most unjust and fraudulent claims with large costs.
rather than defend against them in distant courts at a many
times greater expense ; and the assets of bankrupts are thus
largely consumed in fees to those charged with the execution
of the law, without benefit to their creditore ; and

WHEREAS, The federal courts are thus brought into great
disrepute, and said act is perverted into a means for the unpun-
ishable plundering of the people ; therefore

*Resolved by the assembly of the state of Wisconsin, the senate
concurring,* That our senators and representatives in congress
be, and they hereby are, requested, and to the extent of our
right so to do, instructed, to use all honorable means in their
power to secure the repeal of said act, and all acts and parts
of acts amendatory thereof.

Resolved, further, That the governor is requested to cause
each of our senators and representatiues in congress to be fur-
nished with a copy of these resolutions and preamble thereto,
certified under the great seal of the state of Wisconsin.

Approved March 5, 1872.