

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

obstructing of this great natural channel-way at a point where there is an average transit of our craft every six minutes, demanding a safe passage.

Resolved, That our Senators be instructed and our Representatives in Congress be requested to oppose any bill authorizing the bridging of said river.

Resolved, That the Governor be authorized and instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Members of Congress.

Approved March 13, 1876.

No. 16.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That we hereby tender our thanks to the President of the United States, Secretary of Treasury Bristow and his faithful subordinates, and to J. C. McKenney, the efficient assistant district attorney and his associates, and to Col. A. C. Mathews, supervisor of internal revenue, for their vigorous prosecution of frauds in the revenue department of the United States.

Resolved further, That we heartily approve of the President's motto, viz: "*Let no guilty man escape.*"

Resolved further, That his Excellency, the Governor, is requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and Secretary Bristow, at Washington, D. C., and to J. C. McKenney, at Milwaukee.

Approved March 13, 1876.