

Chap. 6. Joint Resolutions relative to a proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, concerning Postmasters.

Whereas, It is more in accordance with our republican institutions to give the people the power of election of all officers of government, as far as practicable: Therefore

Resolved, That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives requested, to propose in congress such an amendment to the constitution of the United States, as will confer upon the people the power of electing all postmasters.

HARRISON C. HOBART,
Speaker of the Assembly.

JOHN E. HOLMES,

Lt. Governor and President of the Senate.

Passed the legislature of the state of }
Wisconsin, March 20, 1849. }

Chap. 7. Joint Resolutions relative to the Public Lands.

Resolved, by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Wisconsin: That the toleration and protection by the government of the monopoly of the soil in this country, is greatly to be deplored, and we believe it inexpedient and unjust for our national government to dispose of the public domain to any persons except actual settlers.

Resolved, That our senators in congress be and they hereby are instructed and our representatives requested, to use all their influence to secure the passage of a law transferring to the several states all public lands lying within the same, on condition that the said lands shall be conveyed to actual settlers only, and in limited quantities, for a price not exceeding cost and transfer; and for the survey of lands lying in the territories, into lots suitable for farming or village purposes, and the conveyance of the same to actual settlers only, and in limited quantities free of cost.

Resolved, That the governor is hereby requested, immediately upon the passage of these resolutions, to forward a copy to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

HARRISON C. HOBART,
Speaker of the Assembly.

JOHN E. HOLMES,

Lt. Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved, March 21, 1849.

NELSON DEWEY.

Chap. 8. Joint Resolution relative to the Military Reserve at Fort Winnebago.

Resolved, by the Senate and Assembly: That our representatives in congress are hereby requested, and our senators instructed, to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law making

a grant of the Military Reserve at Fort Winnebago to this state, for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a penitentiary.

Resolved, That the governor is requested to furnish each of our senators and representatives with a copy of this resolution, as soon as passed.

HARRISON C. HOBART,
Speaker of the Assembly.

J. E. HOLMES,

Lt. Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved, March 31, 1849.

NELSON DEWEY.

Joint Resolutions, instructing the Hon. Isaac P. Walker, to resign his seat as United States Senator. Chap. 9.

Resolved, by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Wisconsin, That the course of Hon. I. P. Walker, one of the senators of this state in the congress of the United States, in presenting and voting for an amendment to the general appropriation bill, providing for a government in California and New Mexico, west of the Rio Grande, which did not contain a provision forever prohibiting the introduction of slavery or involuntary servitude, in said territories, has violated his oft repeated, as well as his solemn written pledge, given before his election, on that subject, and outraged the feelings and misrepresented those who elected him to that station; and has openly violated the instructions, contained in the resolutions passed by this body on the subject of slavery, at its present session: Therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Walker is hereby instructed to immediately resign his seat in the United States senate.

Resolved, That the Hon. Henry Dodge, our other senator, in voting against the proposition of Mr. Walker, as he did, on the 20th February last, has represented the views and wishes of his constituents on that subject, for which we express to him our most cordial approval of his course.

Resolved, That the governor is requested to forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the the president of the senate, and each of our senators and representatives in congress.

HARRISON C. HOBART,
Speaker of the Assembly.

JOHN E. HOLMES,

Lt. Governor and President of the Senate.

Passed the legislature of the state of }

Wisconsin, March 31, 1849. }

NELSON DEWEY.