

NUMBER 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the purchase of national flags for the senate and assembly rooms.

Resolved, That the superintendent of public property be and he is hereby authorized to purchase two national flags and two state flags, one each of which he shall place over the president's chair in the senate chamber, and one each over the speaker's chair in the assembly chamber, where they shall remain during each session of the legislature.

Approved March 3, 1865.

NUMBER 7.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to Wisconsin bonds.

WHEREAS, It has heretofore been the policy of this state to create a currency for the use of our people, based upon unquestionable securities provided for its ultimate redemption, among which the bonds of our own state have been regarded equal to any, as safe and desirable investments;

AND WHEREAS, In consequence of the existing rebellion, it has been deemed expedient by the congress of the United States, in order to diminish the amount of bank bills in circulation, to impose a tax upon the currency of state banks, so heavy as to compel its withdrawal;

AND WHEREAS, The bills of the banks created under our own laws must, for these reasons, be forced to redemption, and in some instances the bonds deposited by these banks may be suddenly thrown upon an unprepared market: Therefore,

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the obligation of the state to pay its bonds, is most sacred and unquestionable; that nothing shall be omitted on our part to maintain to the utmost the credit of the state, and to vindicate its honor; that it is the judgment of this legislature, and we feel warranted in pledging the faith of the people, that no attempt will ever be made to evade the fulfillment of the obligations assumed by the state.

Resolved, further, That we deem the support of the currency of our state banks worthy of our best efforts, being so intimately connected with the credit of our bonds and of such importance to the welfare of the people, that we will adopt any reasonable and proper measures calculated to sustain that currency and prevent

loss thereon; and that during the present session of the legislature, we will devise and enact such measures as may appear suitable to that end, and that we will not hesitate, if necessary, to impose such tax or taxes for that object as shall speedily result in absorbing that currency and retiring all of the state bonds that are likely to be thrown upon the market.

Resolved, That the proposed action of the school land commissioners, as this day communicated by them to the legislature, to receive Wisconsin currency in payment of state lands and of the principal sum due the state on account of its various trust funds, meets with our unqualified approval.

Approved March 16, 1865.

NUMBER 8.

JOINT RESOLUTION accepting the lands granted to the state of Wisconsin, by an act of congress entitled "an act granting lands to aid in the construction of certain railroads in the state of Wisconsin," approved May 5th, 1864.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the lands granted to the state of Wisconsin for the purpose of aiding in the construction of certain railroads within this state, by virtue of an act of congress entitled "an act granting lands to aid in the construction of certain railroads in the state of Wisconsin," approved May 5th, 1864, be and the same are hereby accepted by the state of Wisconsin, subject, however, to all the conditions of said act of congress. And the state of Wisconsin hereby consents to execute the said trust created by the aforesaid act of congress, pursuant in all things to the terms, limitations and conditions of said act.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be and he is hereby authorized and required to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the secretary of the interior of the United States.

Approved March 20, 1865.