

speedy completion of the Portage lake and Lake Superior ship-canal.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to forward to each of our senators and representatives in congress, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

Approved February 21, 1866.

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## NUMBER 2.

RESOLUTIONS expressing the approbation of the legislature of congress, in passing the "freedman's bureau bill," and in excluding representation from the rebellious districts.

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring*, That while we remember with gratitude the noble and devoted patriotism manifested by President Johnson during the dark days of the rebellion, we should be guilty of deceiving him and misrepresenting our constituents, if we failed at this time to declare that his message vetoing the "freedman's bureau bill," in its general tone and spirit, has caused pain and disappointment among his true friends and supporters in our state, and has been hailed with exuberant joy and exultation by every man who sympathized with the rebellion, or who was cold and indifferent when treason threatened the life of the republic.

*Resolved*, That we most cordially indorse and approve of the action of such of our senators and representatives in congress as firmly and consistently supported the "freedman's bureau bill," and who have persistently asserted the right of congress to determine for itself when and in what manner it will admit representatives from states where the state governments have been disorganized by rebellion; and we earnestly request them to firmly resist the admission of representatives to congress from such disorganized states, until peace is fully secured, and until the people of such states shall have positively guaranteed equal and exact justice to all men within their borders.

*Resolved*, That his excellency, the governor, is hereby respectfully requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the presiding officer of each branch of congress, to the president of the United States, and to each of the senators and representatives in congress from this state.

Approved March 2, 1866.