

authorized to examine into and investigate the various improved methods of warming public buildings which have been or may be presented for their consideration with reference to the selection of a suitable apparatus for the state prison at Waupun, and they are further authorized to receive proposals for warming the whole or any portion of such building, and to report the same, with the recommendation in regard thereto, for the information and action of the next legislature.

Approved March 3, 1868.

NUMBER 14.

JOINT RESOLUTION providing for the regents of the university to investigate and report relative to the specimens obtained by the geological commissioner.

Resolved, That the regents of the state university be requested to investigate and report to this or the next session of legislature the number of specimens collected by the geological commission formerly employed by the state, actually deposited in the cabinet of the state university, the number now remaining in said collection, and whether any have been removed therefrom, and by whom. Whether all the collection made by such commission have been delivered over to the state as required by law; and if not, what if any legislation is necessary to retain the present collection, and secure the balance of the specimens belonging to the same, and generally, whether the objects contemplated by said commission have been fully carried out as required by the act creating the same.

Approved March 4, 1868.

NUMBER 15.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to Miss Vinnie Ream.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the state of Wisconsin has just reason to be proud of the eminent skill,

as an artist, of Miss Vinnie Ream, a native of this state, and that in the opinion of this legislature, whenever the financial condition of our state shall warrant the filling of the two niches assigned to Wisconsin in the national capital with the statues of her illustrious dead, the claim of Miss Vinnie Ream to the contract for the execution of the work should be considered paramount to that of any competitor not a native of our state who may seek to obtain it.

Resolved, That the refusal of this legislature to award to her a contract for said statues at this time, is by no means based upon a want of appreciation of her work as a lady or her genius as a sculptor, but rather upon the inability of the state to incur at present the pecuniary obligations consequent on such contract.

Approved March 4, 1868.

NUMBER 16.

JOINT RESOLUTION instructing our senators and requesting our representatives, to adhere to the policy of the loyal people of the republic, as adopted by congress.

WHEREAS, The events which have very recently taken place and are now transpiring at the federal capital, are such as distinguish times of great national peril, and

WHEREAS, It is the right and duty of the people of the state, when occurrences like the present are pressing upon them, to give utterance to their will and to strengthen and support those upon whom the responsibilities of the occasion directly rest,

Be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That our senators in congress are instructed and the members of the house of representatives from this state are requested to adhere with unflinching firmness to the policy of the loyal people of the republic, adopted by congress; that they resist by all constitutional, just and efficient means, any and all attempted usurpation of power by any officer of the government; and that in this they discharge their whole duty as guardians of the rights and liberties of the people of the country.

Resolved, That we declare our confidence in the patriotism and statesmanship of the Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, secretary of war; that we admire the courage and constancy with which he