

*Resolved*, That the governor transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to the president of the United States senate and to the governor of Massachusetts.

Approved March 12, 1874.

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No. 14.

JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the action of the governor of Wisconsin in the Central Wisconsin land grant.

WHEREAS, On the 20th day of February, 1874, His Excellency, Governor Taylor, transmitted to the assembly a message informing the legislature that he had issued and delivered to the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company, certificates of construction of sections two, three, four and five, of twenty miles each, upon the first one hundred miles of the land grant line of road northwest of Stevens Point; and,

WHEREAS, His Excellency, the governor, did not regard it to be his duty under the law, nor did he assume to decide whether the said company was or was not entitled to lands upon said certificates, and certified to a fact only, to wit, that the company had constructed and completed the several sections of road above named and set forth in said certificates; and,

WHEREAS, His Excellency, the governor, did certify and set forth in said certificates, one other and further fact, to wit, that the said Wisconsin Central Railroad Company has built no portion of any railroad whatever between Portage City and Stevens Point; therefore,

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring*, That the secretary of the interior be and he is hereby requested to withhold patents to all lands pertaining to any sections of said road, as to the completion of which any certificates may hereafter be issued by the governor, until said railroad company shall give satisfactory security to said interior department for the building of said road from Stevens Point to Portage City, on the present or some other line, which the legislature may hereafter designate.

*Resolved*, That if said secretary be of the opinion that the remaining lands uncertified to by the governor be inadequate security for the building of said road between said Stevens Point and Portage City, then he is hereby requested to withhold any and all patents upon any certificates heretofore issued by said governor until the state can be heard upon the subject.

*Resolved*, That the governor be, and he is requested, to transmit to the secretary of the interior, and to each of our representatives and senators in congress, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, and that the said representatives and senators are requested to exert their influence to secure the object of said resolution.

Approved March 12, 1874.