

thereof be authorized with power to send for persons and papers, and to administer oaths.

There is hereby appropriated from the general fund not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

Approved March 13, 1876.

No. 12.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The appropriation made at the present session for the current expenses of the Wisconsin Hospital for the Insane covers the year ending March 1, 1877; and,

WHEREAS, The appropriation made for 1875 was all expended January 1, 1876, thus leaving two months expenses of the Hospital unprovided for; therefor,

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That the secretary of state and state treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to construe said act making said appropriation for the present year as covering the months of January and February, 1876, and to make payments to the treasurer of said hospital for the months aforesaid.

Approved March 13, 1876.

No. 13.

JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the location of the State Prison and a hospital for the incurable insane.

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That,

WHEREAS, The State Board of Charities and Reform, in their annual report to the Governor, dated December, 1874, say: "We very much doubt whether the State Prison can be made to support itself under any system of management, while located at Waupun, that its present location is too far removed from supplies, and from available market for manufactured articles, and submit to the next Legislature in its wisdom to determine whether it is good policy for the state longer to continue the State Prison at Waupun, at such an enormous expense to the state;" and,

WHEREAS, The increasing number of incurable insane in the hospitals of the state, and the very large number now confined in jails and poor-houses, make it absolutely necessary that the state, at the earliest practical moment, establish an institution for the better care and maintenance of the incurable insane; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Governor, the Board of State Prison Directors, and the State Board of Charities and Reform, are hereby constituted a commission to consider the feasibility and expediency of such change and removal of the State Prison. And if, in their judgment, such removal is for the best interest of the State, and the present building of the State Prison can be made available for the use and better care of the incurable insane, then they shall proceed to select a suitable site for the State Prison, and ascertain the price for which the same can be purchased, stating number of acres of land and the cost per acre of the same, together with the reasons governing the committee in making such selection, and it shall be the duty of said commission to report a bill to the next Legislature, providing for the erection of suitable buildings on the site so selected for a state prison.

*Resolved*, That after a full and careful examination of the State Prison, with a view to its being made available for a hospital for the incurable insane, if they shall come to the conclusion that the buildings and location are not adapted to this purpose, and that it is not in the interest of the state to remove the State Prison, then said commission shall first determine as to the propriety of erecting suitable buildings for the incurable insane on the grounds of the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane, or on the grounds of the Northern Hospital for the Insane; and if they shall decide that it is in the interest of the state to occupy these grounds for this purpose, it shall be their duty to report a bill to the next Legislature, providing for the erection of suitable buildings for said hospital, either in connection with the Wisconsin State Hospital, or the Northern Hospital for the Insane; but if, in the judgment of the commissioners, a separate hospital for the incurable insane should be established, then they shall proceed to select a suitable site, and ascertain the price for which the same can be purchased, stating number of acres of land and the cost per acre of the same, together with the reasons governing the committee in making such selection. And it shall be the duty of said commissioners to report a bill to the next Legislature, providing for the erection of suitable buildings for said hospital, on the lands selected for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That said commissioners shall meet at the capitol, in Madison, at such time as the Governor shall designate, and shall immediately enter upon the duties provided for in the foregoing resolutions.

Approved March 13, 1876.