

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

NUMBER 1.

JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the manner of recruiting Wisconsin's quota of volunteers for the United States service.

WHEREAS, It appears that the authority heretofore given to the governor of the state to appoint recruiting agents, has been revoked by the war department;

AND WHEREAS, The only persons now authorized to enlist recruits, are officers detailed on recruiting service by special orders from the war department, and second lieutenants appointed by the governor, and conditionally mustered into service;

AND WHEREAS, The recruiting agents appointed by the governor are only permitted to present recruits for enlistment, and can sign no enlistment papers themselves, and until such recruits are duly enlisted into the service, no expenses for transportation, subsistence or lodgings can be paid by the United States;

AND WHEREAS, It will be difficult, if not impossible, to raise the required number of men without the aid of recruiting agents to be appointed by the governor;

AND WHEREAS, It is not just or proper to demand that this state shall raise men as volunteers, unless the expenses of transportation, subsistence and lodgings can be paid to recruiting agents and recruits by the United States;

AND WHEREAS, It is not proposed to apply to the war department to detail officers for recruiting service in this state, as the delay would be so great that no sufficient time would be allowed for recruiting between the date of such detail and the 15th day of February, 1865: Therefore,

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the secretary of war be and he hereby is requested to give to the governor full authority to appoint the necessary agents for recruiting the number of men required to fill the quota of this state, as heretofore in the year 1863, authorized by order of the war department, and that the governor forthwith transmit a copy of this resolution to the war department.

Approved February 1, 1865.