

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.

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## 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

successfully resists the unwarranted attempts at executive encroachments; that we approve the action of the United States senate in restoring him to the office from which he was unjustly suspended; that it is the desire of the citizens of the state of Wisconsin, that he shall remain in the war office so long as the country is in danger from the conspiracies of its enemies, whatever be their character or position, and that we honor General Grant for that obedience to law which prompted him at once to surrender the office of secretary of war to him upon whom it was conferred by our martyred president.

*Resolved*, That the governor of the state is hereby requested to transmit an attested copy of the foregoing to each of our senators and representatives in congress; to the presiding officer of each house of congress, and to the honorable Edwin M. Stanton.

Approved March 6, 1868.

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### NUMBER 17.

**JOINT RESOLUTION** authorizing the attorney general to discontinue the suit against Peter Stout & Co. and others as sureties on state printing contract.

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring*, That the attorney general of the state is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue the suit now pending in the circuit court of the county of Dane against Peter Stout & Co. and other [their] sureties for failure to fulfill printing contract awarded to them in 1864; and said parties are hereby released from all penalties and damages arising from the non-fulfillment of said contract, on payment of costs of said suit.

Approved March 5, 1868.

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### NUMBER 18.

**JOINT RESOLUTION** authorizing the governor to appoint a committee to examine a route for a canal from the Rock to the Wisconsin river.

**WHEREAS**, The legislature of this state at its last session authorized the governor to appoint a committee to collect statistics relating to the Rock river improvement; and