

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

NUMBER 1.

JOINT RESOLUTION asking our senators and representatives in congress to use their influence in securing an appropriation from the general government for an improvement of the harbor at the mouth of the Menomonee river, between the states of Michigan and Wisconsin.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their influence and best efforts to obtain appropriations from the general government for the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of the Menomonee river, between the states of Michigan and Wisconsin, and the harbor at the mouth of the Oconto river, in the county of Oconto, Wisconsin.

Approved February 15, 1873.

NUMBER 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the appointment of an agent to prosecute the claims of the state of Wisconsin against the United States, for the amount due by the United States on account of lands therein disposed of for Indian reservations, military land warrants and land scrip issued for military services in the wars of the United States, and by Indian or half-breed scrip or agricultural college scrip issued to any other state.

Be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the governor be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to appoint an agent for and on behalf of this state to prosecute to final decision before the United States court of claims or congress, the claim of this state for five per cent. of the minimum price of the public lands that have been disposed of by the United States in this state by Indian reservations, and by the location of military warrants and land scrip issued for military services in the wars of the United States, and by the location of half-breed or Indian land scrip, and by agricultural college scrip issued to any other than this state, and that such person shall be well informed in the

law, and shall be allowed such a compensation as shall be agreed upon between the governor and himself, and to be paid only after such a claim, in whole or in part, is collected, and out of the fund collected only; *and provided*, that the state shall not be otherwise liable for any expenses whatever attending the prosecution of such claim.

Approved February 28, 1873.

NUMBER 3.

JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the postal service.

WHEREAS, The diffusion of knowledge is a matter of imperious necessity to any nation where the intelligence of the people constitutes the best safeguard of their liberties; and

WHEREAS, Any burdensome tax upon the sources of knowledge and information is unprofitable, impolitic and unjust; and

WHEREAS, The private letter and the public newspaper are recognized as best meeting and supplying the great and increasing demand for information; and

WHEREAS, The franking privilege has proved a costly burden, without returning any commensurate benefit; therefore,

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That our representatives be requested, and our senators in congress be instructed to use their best efforts to secure by appropriate legislation,

First. A reduction on letter postage to two cents per letter not exceeding one half ounce weight, for any distance within the boundaries of the United States.

Second. The free carriage of newspapers in the public mails within the respective states where published.

Third. The abolition of the franking privilege.

Resolved, That the governor be, and he is hereby requested, upon the passage of these resolutions, to transmit a copy of the same to each of our senators and representatives in congress.