

## NUMBER II.

JOINT RESOLUTION objecting to any change of the Naturalization Laws.

*Resolved, by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to oppose any attempt which may be made in Congress to change or modify the naturalization laws, so as to extend the term of residence required to enable persons of foreign birth to become citizens of the United States.

Approved March 30, 1860.

## NUMBER III.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS in relation to the Homestead Bill in Congress.

*Whereas,* It is announced by telegraph, from the seat of the Federal Government, that the Homestead Bill, which lately passed the House of Representatives, and which was referred to the committee on Public Lands, in the Senate of the United States, has been reported back with amendments, providing, among other things, that the benefits of said Homestead Bill shall not apply to foreigners who may declare their intentions of becoming citizens of the United States, after the passage of said act; said amendments being what is known as Mr. Johnson's Bill: *And whereas,* While the people of the State of Wisconsin are devotedly attached to the principle of free homes for the homeless, and hence in favor of the passage of the said bill, as it came from the House of Representatives, they are opposed to the said bill as amended by the Senate committee; deeming, as they do, that by the provision above referred to, it violates the great principle of equality which underlies our system of government; believing that the greatest blessing to be derived from the Homestead Bill is an increased emigration of European farmers, artizans, and laborers, to occupy and cultivate our vast unoccupied domain, and that to cut them off from the benefits of such law would not only be wrong and unjust in principle, but would tend to lower our national character throughout the world, and would subject us to the charge of selfishness and proscription, unworthy of a nation heretofore claiming to be the asylum for the oppressed of all nations; therefore

*Resolved, by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That we, the free people of the State of Wisconsin, solemnly protest against the passage of any law, by our National Legislature, which discriminates between different classes of citizens of the United States, or between citizens and those who have declared their intentions to become citizens.

2d. *Resolved,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and Representatives requested, to use all proper means to procure the passage of the Homestead Bill as it passed the House of Representatives; but never to consent to the passage of said act, or any act containing the provisions of the Senate amendment, known as Mr. Johnson's Bill.

3d. *Resolved,* That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with all convenient speed.

Approved March 31, 1860.