

NUMBER 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the extension of time for the payment of government bounties to volunteers.

WHEREAS, The time limited for the payment of bounties to volunteers, by the government, expires on the first day of March, 1864, and the quotas required to be furnished by the state of Wisconsin, under the late calls of the president, are not yet filled; and

WHEREAS, Under the patriotic action of the people, the business of recruiting has been going forward for several weeks past, and is now going on, with much vigor, and recruits are coming forward as rapidly as they can be conveniently mustered into service or provided with camp accommodations, and there is good reason to believe that if the payment of bounties shall be continued for a few weeks longer, the full number of soldiers required from this state will be supplied, and the necessity for a draft will be obviated: Therefore,

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the senators and members in congress from this state, be requested to use all possible exertions to procure an extension of the time for the payment of bounties to volunteers in and for the state of Wisconsin, until the first day of April, 1864.

Approved February 26, 1864.

NUMBER 3.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to railroads running from Sioux City to Hudson on the St. Croix lake, and asking congressional aid therefor.

WHEREAS, The government of the United States has granted to the state of Kansas and to the territory of Nebraska, certain aid for railroads therein, forming branches to and connecting the through Pacific road; and

WHEREAS, It is material and important to the prosperity of the Pacific road, that roads running from Sioux City to Lake Superior should be speedily built, thus developing the rich and uncultivated resources of the states of Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, In a military point of view, the fact that, in case of a war with England, the short Sault Saint Marie canal, the only connection Lake Superior has with the great chain of lakes, would be in great danger of being rendered unnavigable, thus compelling