

NUMBER 17.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS asking aid from federal government for the improvement of Portage lake and river.

WHEREAS, Portage lake is distant about four miles from Kewawaw bay, (Lake Superior,) connected therewith by Portage river;

AND WHEREAS, A company has been duly organized under the laws of the state of Michigan, by the name of the "Portage lake and river improvement company," having for its object the improvement of said river, so as to admit the passage of steamers and sailing vessels into Portage lake;

AND WHEREAS, A large sum of money has been expended in said improvement, and yet it is difficult to navigate said river, the channel being too narrow, crooked and not of sufficient depth, the large steamers and vessels being compelled to lighten before they can pass through;

AND WHEREAS, Congress has heretofore made liberal appropriations of money for the improvement of harbors and rivers in different parts of the union, but have not as yet made any for the improvement of those on Lake Superior, notwithstanding the rapid growth of our commerce and the imperative necessity of these improvements: therefore,

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That our senators in congress and the members of the house of representatives be requested to use their influence to obtain from congress an appropriation in money for the improvement of said Portage lake and river.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution to our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved April 10, 1867.

NUMBER 18.

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the secretary of state to audit the account of the assistant postmaster of the senate.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the secretary of state be and he is hereby authorized to audit the account of the assistant postmaster of the senate during the present session, at the same rate of compensation as is allowed to an assistant sergeant-at-arms.

Approved April 11, 1867.