

panies receiving grants of land from the general government to locate their roads and select their lands within a certain time specified."

Approved March 6, 1869.

NUMBER 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION, ratifying the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS, The congress of the United States has pursuant to article V of the constitution, proposed to the legislatures of the several states the following amendment to the constitution of the United States named Article Fifteen: "1. The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. 2. The congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation;" therefore,

Resolved by the senate and assembly of the state of Wisconsin, in legislature assembled, That the said article as such proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States be and the same is hereby ratified.

Approved March 9, 1869.

NUMBER 7.

JOINT RESOLUTION, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the state so as to authorize the abolishment of the grand jury system.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That section eight of article 1 of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin be amended so as to read as follows: Section 8. No person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense without due process of law, and no person for the same offense, shall be put twice in jeopardy of punishment, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself. All persons shall before conviction be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for capital offenses when the proof is evident or the presump-

tion great ; and the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* shall not be suspended unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

Approved March 9, 1869.

NUMBER 8.

JOINT RESOLUTION, proposing amendment to section 4, article 7 of the constitution.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That section 4 of article 7 of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows: The supreme court of this state, with the jurisdiction and powers prescribed in this constitution, shall consist of five judges, to be hereafter elected by the qualified electors of the state, at such time and in such manner as the legislature may provide, and such court when so organized shall not be changed or discontinued by the legislature; and the justices of the supreme court now in office shall serve out the remainder of their respective terms of office as judges of the supreme court, and the judges of said court shall be so classified that but one of them shall go out of office at the same time, and the legislature shall at its first session after the adoption thereof, provide by law for the election of the two additional judges required hereby and their successors, and for the election of the successors of the judges now in office, and for classifying the two additional judges, so that one of them shall go out of office in eight years and the other in ten years. The term of office of each judge of the supreme court hereafter elected, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be ten years, and the judge of the supreme court having the shortest time to serve shall be chief justice of the supreme court.

Approved March 11, 1869.