

RESOLUTIONS

PASSED SESSION OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT.

No. 1

RESOLUTION

Relative to the expenses of the contested election of James W. Goff.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the speaker of the house of representatives be and is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer of the county of Luzerne, requiring him to pay to Abel C. Hartley, the bill of expenses approved by the select committee appointed to decide the contested election of James W. Goff, amounting to ninety-eight dollars and ninety-seven cents; which amount shall be paid by the state treasurer, and by him charged to the treasurer of the county of Luzerne, and which amount it shall be the duty of said county treasurer to pay forthwith.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 2.

RESOLUTION

Relative to cheap postage.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the senators and members of the house of representatives in the congress

of the United States, representing this state, be and they are hereby requested to vote for, and urge the immediate repeal of the act of congress of the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, requiring postage to be paid on all newspapers circulating in the mail within thirty miles of the office of publication, and requiring the postage on transient papers to be pre-paid, and to propose and vote for such other modifications in the laws relating to postage, and the post office, as shall more effectually provide for a uniform system of cheap postage on letters and newspapers.

Resolved, That his excellency, the governor, be and he is hereby requested to cause a copy of the foregoing resolution to be forwarded to each of the senators and representatives in congress from Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,

Speaker of the Senate.

Adopted in the House of Representatives, January 5, 1848.

WM. JACK, *Clerk.*

Adopted in the Senate, January 24, 1848.

SAML. W. PEARSON, *Clerk.*

No. 3.

RESOLUTIONS

Relating to Asa Whitney's plan for constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The construction of a railroad across the continent of North America, would make the United States the great highway between Europe and the populous and wealthy empires of Asia; would greatly facilitate our own intercourse with those regions; would consolidate the interests of our union; would connect Oregon and the Pacific coast with the Atlantic; and would give a fresh impetus to our great agricultural, manufacturing and commercial interests:

And whereas, This stupendous work can be accomplished by an appropriation and sale of the public lands, which would constitute a fund applicable for defraying the expenses of the undertaking, as a small part of them would furnish the means, and the value of the remainder would be greatly enhanced thereby:

And whereas, The plan of Mr. Asa Whitney, of New York, in its outlines, is, in our opinion, the only practicable scheme for the accomplishment of this great undertaking, which should be commenced without delay; therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That we approve of Mr. Whitney's plan of constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean, from an appropriation and sale of the