

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

public lands on its line, connecting the sale and settlement of the lands with the building of the road, making it an individual enterprize, still under the control of congress; and we earnestly recommend the measure and the adoption of his plan to the early and favorable consideration and action of congress.

2. *Resolved*, That our senators and representatives in congress, be and they are hereby requested to give this measure their prompt attention and support.

3. *Resolved*, That the governor be and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this preamble and resolutions to each of our senators and members of the house of representatives, in the congress of the United States.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,

Speaker of the Senate.

Adopted in the Senate, March 2, 1848.

SAM'L W. PEARSON, *Clerk.*

Adopted in the House of Representatives, March 3, 1848.

WM. JACK, *Clerk.*

No. 4.

RESOLUTIONS

Relative to damages on the Conneaut line of the Erie extension of the Pennsylvania canal.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the awards for damages on the Conneaut line of the Erie extension of the Pennsylvania canal, as determined by the board of canal commissioners, and communicated to this legislature by the auditor general, under the provisions of the act of the tenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and the supplement thereto of thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, be and the same are hereby approved: *Provided*, That the amount awarded to Nicholas B. Doe shall be paid in manner as provided for the payment of damage by act of tenth April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, above referred to, by the Erie canal company, into the court of common pleas of Erie county; and the receipt therefor, by the prothonotary of the said court, shall be a good and sufficient voucher for all purposes in the hands of said Erie canal company.

Awards of damages on Conneaut line, Erie extension, Pennsylvania canal, to be paid.

Proviso.

Resolved, That the judges of the said court shall direct an issue, to Court to direct an issue in the case of Nicholas B. Doe. Doe is the bona fide owner, in fee simple, of the property for the damage done, to which the award above referred to was made; and if upon the trial of such issue, it be found that the title as aforesaid, to the said property, is or was at the time the damage was done, in some other