
LINE OF STEAMERS TO AFRICA.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF IOWA,

ASKING

For the establishment of a line of steamers to trade regularly between the coast of Africa and the United States.

FEBRUARY 20, 1855.—Referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Whereas the American Colonization Society is now struggling with serious difficulty in the accomplishment of their well known benevolent object—the civilization and Christianization of Africa, and building up a home for the colored population of the United States—in consequence of the irregular and meagre facilities for transportation between the coast of Africa and the United States; and whereas the opening commerce of Liberia and the other colonies on the coast of Africa is now inviting our attention as a source of profit; and whereas notwithstanding the stringent laws now in existence in the United States against the slave trade are to a very great extent powerless, in consequence of the inability of the colonies on the African coast to protect themselves—therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Iowa, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, to use their influence to procure the immediate establishment of a regular line of steamers to be employed in the trade between the coast of Africa and the United States.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be furnished to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

REUBEN NOBLE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MATURIN L. FISHER,

President of the Senate.

Approved January 24, 1855.

JAMES W. GRIMES.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Iowa City, January 31, 1855.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original rolls on file in my office.

GEO. W. McCLEARY,
Secretary of State.