

FALLS OF THE OHIO RIVER.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF OHIO,

RELATIVE TO

*A new canal, on the Indiana side, around the falls of the Ohio river.*

MARCH 3, 1852.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF OHIO.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS relative to the construction of a new canal, on the Indiana side, at the falls of the Ohio river.

Whereas two propositions are now before the Congress of the United States for the improvement of the falls of the Ohio river, and separate bills have been reported for two different modes of improvement—the one emanating from the citizens of Louisville, authorizing the general government to purchase the individual stock, and enlarge the Louisville and Portland canal; the other conforming to the petition from Cincinnati, and other commercial points in the western country, requesting the general government to purchase the stock in the present canal, and to authorize the construction of a new canal in a more favorable location, with locks 400 feet in length, and in other respects adapted to the present and future commerce of the country:

And whereas the citizens of Ohio being deeply interested in the cheap, safe and speedy transportation of their commerce on the Ohio river, they claim the right of expressing to Congress their opinion on the subject of the proposed modes of improvement of the navigation at the falls; therefore, to give force to these opinions collectively, which the citizens individually entertain, the members of the General Assembly, representing the several counties of the State, adopt the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That, the Ohio river being acknowledged as the great national highway, under the care and supervision of the general government, a free and ample mode of conveyance should be provided, and at all times preserved, for passage of boats and other vessels conveying the commerce of the river around the natural obstruction known as the rapids, or falls of the Ohio.

*Resolved*, That the rapid increase of commerce has rendered two canals necessary for the accommodation of vessels ascending and descending the

Ohio river, and that this necessity will be greatly increased by the completion of the system of railroads now in progress of connecting with the river above the falls.

*Resolved*, That the repair and enlargement of the present canal would at all times, excepting during the periods of very high water, present an obstruction to the passage of vessels, and cause the portage of freight a distance of two miles within the city of Louisville, subject to the penalties and regulations incidental to a corporation; thus suspending navigation through the canal for years, creating daily losses, highly injurious to commerce, and fatal to the interests of those concerned in the navigation of the river.

*Resolved*, That the surveys and estimates made heretofore by competent engineers, establishing the fact that the construction of a new canal around the falls of the Ohio, adapted to the present and future wants of commerce, would cost very little more than the repairs and enlargement of the present work, which, if repaired, would present but one passage around the falls; and that, from the unfavorable location, never could be as useful for passing the largest class of boats as a new work, constructed with the advantages of the present experience in navigation.

*Resolved*, That the senators and members of Congress from this State be, and are hereby earnestly requested to use their best exertions for the passage of a law authorizing the construction of a new canal on the Indiana side of the river, and to prevent the interruption of the commerce of the river through the Louisville and Portland canal, until some other mode is provided for the passage of boats around the falls: Provided, that if it shall become necessary for the United States government, in constructing said improvement, to purchase the stock of the Louisville and Portland canal, it should not, in the opinion of this General Assembly, pay higher than par value for such stock.

*Resolved*, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to furnish a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

JAMES C. JOHNSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WILLIAM MEDILL,

*President of the Senate.*

FEBRUARY 18, 1852.

STATE OF OHIO, SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,  
Columbus, February 24, 1852.

I, William Trevitt, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of a preamble and resolutions passed by the General Assembly of this State, copied from the original roll on file in this office.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand, and affix the great seal of the State of Ohio, at Columbus, this 24th day of February,  
[L. s.] A. D. 1852.

WILLIAM TREVITT,  
*Secretary of State.*

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
*Columbus, Ohio, February 25, 1852.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a preamble and resolutions passed by the legislature of this State, agreeably to the requirements of said resolutions.

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. WOOD,  
*Governor of Ohio.*

HON. DAVID T. DISNEY.

Executive Order  
Columbus, Ohio, February 25, 1872

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a preamble and resolutions passed by the Legislature of this State, expressly to the request of said resolutions.

R. WOOD

Hon. David T. Doney

LEGISLATURE OF NEW YORK

The Legislature of the State of New York, in Session assembled, do hereby pass the following resolutions, to-wit:

Section 1.

That the Commission on the subject of the State of New York, be and they are hereby authorized to make a full and complete investigation into the causes of the present financial condition of the State, and to report thereon to the Legislature at its next session.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

1872, January 16, 1872

On motion of Mr. Borden, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the Commission on the subject of the State of New York, be and they are hereby authorized to make a full and complete investigation into the causes of the present financial condition of the State, and to report thereon to the Legislature at its next session. The Commission shall be composed of three members, to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a member of the Legislature. The Commission shall have the right to call for and receive from any officer or agent of the State, any and all papers, books, and documents, and to examine and audit the accounts of any officer or agent of the State. The Commission shall also have the right to call for and receive from any person, any and all information, and to examine and audit the accounts of any person. The Commission shall report to the Legislature at its next session, and shall also have the right to call for and receive from any officer or agent of the State, any and all papers, books, and documents, and to examine and audit the accounts of any officer or agent of the State. The Commission shall also have the right to call for and receive from any person, any and all information, and to examine and audit the accounts of any person.

W. T. BARRETT, CLERK

1872, January 20, 1872  
Respectfully,  
R. W. WOOD