

**DOCUMENT 15 – HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING PURCHASE
OF UNSOLD FEDERAL LANDS**

January 17, 1839

TRANSCRIPTION

Resolved by the General Assembly of the state of Illinois that the said State propose to purchase of the government of the United States, all the lands not sold or otherwise disposed of, within the limits of said State, at the rate of twenty five cents per acre, to be paid (unless otherwise agreed upon) at such time, as the said government of the United States, shall deliver over to the authorities of the ^{said} State of Illinois, all the plats, Field Notes &c&c, pertaining to the surveys of said lands—

Resolved, that the faith of the said State of Illinois is hereby irrevocably pledged, to carry into effect the foregoing proposal, if the government of the United States shall accept the same within two years from the passage hereof—

Resolved, that our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives requested, to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a law or resolution of Congress ~~of Congress~~ accepting the foregoing proposal—

Resolved that the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution, to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress—