RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO CAPTAIN ROBERTS.

Laws of Iowa, 1848, p. 190. Joint Resolution No. 28. Captain Benjamin S. Roberts.

Whereas, Capt. Benjamin S. Roberts, of the United States Army, has presented to the State of Iowa a suit of armour taken as a prize of war; and a sword captured from General Torrejon, in the late war with Mexico, designed to commemorate the part borne in the late struggle by the officers of

this State; therefore,
Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That Capt. Benj. S. Roberts, of the United States Rifles, for his gallantry and heroism during the late war with Mexico, has won for himself a brilliant distinction, which reflects a lustre upon the character of the American soldier, and an honor upon this State. And for this evidence of his patriotism and attachment to his adopted State, he deserves and is hereby tendered the cordial thanks of the representatives of the people.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Captain B. S. Roberts of the U. S. Rifles.

Approved Jan. 15, 1848.

IOWA STATE LIBRARY, DES MOINES, March 27, 1882.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above Joint Resolution of Thanks to Captain B. S. Roberts, compared it with the original as published in the Laws of Iowa, 1848, page 190, and find the same to be a true and correct MRS. S. B. MAXWELL. copy.

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THE LAST PUBLIC LETTER OF THE LATE JUDGE MASON.

Burlington, January 12, 1882.

MY DEAR SIR:-Your kind letter inviting me, on behalf of your committee, to be present at a public reception to be given to the surviving delegates of the Constitutional Convention, has been duly received, and it would give me very great pleasure to avail myself of this invitation, but the severe and long continued heat of the Summer, acting upon my previously debilitated condition, has so affected my health, that I feel it would be imprudent to venture on such an undertaking, at the present season of the year, and I am constrained, though reluctantly, to decline your proffered civility.

Although not having been a member of that convention, I have been connected with many of its members in such life-long associations, and have witnessed the same events of our early history, that I should feel myself much at home in mingling with you all, on that occasion. I have therefore hesitated before yielding to the necessity which seemed to forbid the gratification of my strong inclination in this respect.

Please to communicate to your committee the obligations they have conferred upon me by my being remembered by them in this connection, and receive for yourself individually the assurances of my highest respect and es-Yours truly,

HON. P. M. CASADY.

CHARLES MASON.

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