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For and sent to

Whereas resolutions have been presented
to the Council and House of Representatives
of the Territory of Wisconsin of which the
following are a copy

" Whereas the Southern Boundary of this Territory
and the State to be formed therein, is fixed and
established by the ordinance of May 13rd, 1847.
" On a line running due West from the south west
bend or extreme of Lake Michigan, to the
Mississippi River.

" And whereas, although said
ordinance is declared to be unalterable unless
by common consent, a large & valuable
tract of country is now held by the State of
Illinois, contrary to the manifest right and
consent of the people of this Territory.

" And whereas it is inexpedient for the
people of this Territory to form a Constitution
and State Government, or to ask admission
into the Union as an independent State, until
the southern boundary to which they are justly
entitled by said ordinance, shall be fully
recognized by the parties to the original contract
Therefore,

" Resolved by the Council & House
of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin
That the inhabitants of this Territory qualified
to vote for delegates to Congress be required at

"the next general election, to be held on the
"fourth Monday of September next to choose
"delegates from the respective districts equal
"to the number of representatives in both houses
"of the Legislative assembly, to assemble in the
"Capitol in Madison on the first Monday
"of November next, for the purpose of deliber-
"ating upon and adopting such laws and
"constitutional measures as may seem
"to be necessary and proper for the early ad-
"justment of the southern boundary and admis-
"sion into the Union, of the State of Wisconsin on
"an equal footing with the original States in
"all respects, whatever

" 2^d Resolved further that the inhabitants
"of the district of country now claimed by
"Illinois lying north ~~as~~ of the line running
"due west from the southern extreme of Lake Mi-
"chigan, to the Mississippi River be and are
"hereby invited to choose delegates to the con-
"vention aforesaid, proportional to the Ratio of
"Representation in the Legislative assembly of ^{the} ~~this~~
"Territory, to act on the business of said con-
"vention on an equal footing with the other

" 3^d Resolved further that two ^r delegates
"all the delegates authorized by the ^{first} ~~first~~ resolu-
"on shall constitute a quorum for the trans-

= action of business

"4th Resolved that the Governor cause to be
transmitted to the Governor of Illinois one copy
of the foregoing preamble and resolutions & one
copy to the County Commissioners of each of the
Counties within the district of country to be
represented in said Convention"

And whereas the State of Illinois
is willing that an east and west line drawn
through the southerly bend or extreme of Lake
Michigan in pursuance of the ordinance of
1787 should be the dividing line between said
State and Territory, upon the said Territory of
Wisconsin assuming and paying, or seem-
ing to be paid to this State all monies expended
and liabilities incurred by this State in the con-
struction of so much of the Illinois and Michigan
Canal, Rail Roads, and improvements on the
Rivers as are situated North of said line

Sec 1 Therefore be it enacted by the people
of the State of Illinois represented in the General
Assembly that three Commissioners be ap-
pointed on the part of this State by a joint vote
both Branches of this present General As-
sembly with an equal number of me-
mbers to be appointed by the Territory of Wiscon-
sin to establish the dividing line between
this State and said Territory, which shall
be a line drawn through the southerly bend
or Extreme of Lake Michigan extending west

to the Mississippi River

Sect 2 And be it further enacted that the said commissioners shall make and State an account of all monies expended and liabilities incurred in the location and construction of the Illinois and Michigan, Central Rail Road and Rock River, the improvement of the navigation of Rock River as are situated north of said dividing line and also to make and State a just and true account of all monies received by this state for sales made of canal lands situated north of said line, and of the expenses attending such sales.

Sect 3 And be it further enacted that when the said Territory of Wisconsin shall pay or secure to be paid to this State the balance of the monies and liabilities incurred by this state for so much of the said works of internal improvement as lies north of said dividing line as aforesaid, after deducting therefrom the net avails received by this state for the sale of said canal lands; that then they shall be authorized to execute to the Territory of Wisconsin a release of all right title and claim to all that portion of Territory that lies

north of said dividing line; & of all the canal
lands and other property belonging to this
State lying north of said line; and all debts
and demands due and unpaid for any of the
said lands or property sold by this State;
provided always that the Legislature of
Wisconsin shall by an act of her Legisla-
ture engage and obligate herself to complete
that portion of the Illinois and Michigan
Canal so released to her as aforesaid as soon
~~as~~^{sharly} practicable: And provided further that
the said Territory shall never charge a higher
rate of tolls on said Canal, than shall be
charged by this State on that portion of the
canal lying within this State.

Preamble and with

A Bill for an act to
ascertain the north
Boundary of this State
with Wisconsin Territory
line between this State &
Wisconsin Territory.

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refused a second
reading