

NUMBER II.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO SECURE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE RED RIVER OF THE NORTH.

WHEREAS, The Red River of the North forms a continuous navigable stream from Breckinridge, in the state of Minnesota, to the province of Manitoba, British America, and is the boundary line between the territory of Dakota and the state of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, All supplies destined for the province of Manitoba are now carried exclusively via the said Red River, and a vast and important carrying trade maintained on said river, and no inconsiderable commerce existing between the said province and the people of this state, and its unobstructed navigation is of great importance to the state of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, Rocks and other obstructions to the free and perfect navigation of said river now exist therein, and the same can be removed at a small cost to the general government, thereby opening up more fully to the people of this state, the trade and commerce of an extremely rich, well settled and extensive territory, and facilitating communication therewith; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That the senators and representatives of this state in congress be requested to use their influence to secure at the present session of congress, such legislation as will provide for the improvement of the navigation of the said Red River of the North, at as early a date as may be practicable.

Approved February 1, 1875.

NUMBER III.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE MISSION TO SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

WHEREAS, By reason of the large population of Sweden and Norway and the intelligence of their peoples, the said countries deserve to rank in their diplomatic relations with the United States on an equality with Aus-

tria, Switzerland, Russia, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Peru and Chili, in all of which countries our government supports full second class missions, and in view of the friendly relations now existing between the governments of the United States and Sweden and Norway and in view of the fact that large numbers of the citizens of this state are natives of Sweden and Norway, and that large numbers are being added to our citizens from those countries every year, we deem it of the utmost importance that the friendly relations now existing between said countries should be strengthened in all proper ways; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota:

That our members in congress be and are hereby urgently requested to use their best endeavors to cause the enactment of a law raising the rank of the mission to Sweden and Norway to that of a full second-class mission, known and styled as "envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary," the same rank that Sweden and Norway have supported at Washington in their diplomatic representation to this country.

Resolved further, That the governor be requested to forward copies hereof to our senators and representatives in congress at an early day.

Approved February 5, 1875.

NUMBER IV.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS REPRESENTING MINNESOTA TO USE THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE A POST ROUTE IN YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That our senators and representatives in congress are requested to use their influence to secure a post route from Granite Falls in Yellow Medicine county, state of Minnesota, *via* Lisbon to Canby, Yellow Medicine county, state of Minnesota, a distance of about thirty-six miles.

Resolved, That the postmaster general is requested to establish a post-office in the township of Lisbon, in said county of Yellow Medicine, state of Minnesota, and to place the requisite service on said route so soon as the route shall be duly authorized by act of congress.

Resolved, That the governor of this state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress and to the postmaster general.

Approved February 16, 1875.