

NUMBER XXVIII.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ASKING CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH MAIL ROUTES FROM BROWN'S VALLEY POSTOFFICE TO NORTH ISLAND SETTLEMENT, ON LAKE TRAVERSE, AND FROM BROWN'S VALLEY POST OFFICE TO ORTONVILLE, BIG STONE LAKE.

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

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to aid in securing the establishment of a post route from Brown's Valley postoffice to North Island Settlement on Lake Traverse, and from Brown's Valley postoffice to Ortonville, on Big Stone Lake.

Resolved, That the postmaster general be requested to put service on said route as soon as said route shall be authorized by congress.

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

Approved March 3, 1876.

NUMBER XXIX.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO PROCURE THE PASSAGE OF AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF SETTLERS UPON CERTAIN LANDS IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

WHEREAS, Large numbers of citizens of this states have in good faith settled upon and made or acquired valuable improvements on tracts of land included within the granted and indemnity limits of the land granted to the (Brainerd & St. Vincent) branches or extensions of the St. Paul & Pacific railroad company and are unable under existing laws to perfect title thereto; and

WHEREAS, Justice demands that these citizens should be protected in their homes and property so made and acquired, and the material interests of a large and deserving class secured and preserved; therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring) :

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use all honorable means in their power to procure at the earliest possible time

the passage of a law by congress, which will allow such persons or their representatives to secure and perfect title to such lands.

Approved February 24, A. D. 1876.

NUMBER XXX.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS TO VACATE THAT PORTION OF THE MILITARY RESERVATION AT FT. ABERCROMBIE, D. T., WHICH LIES ON THE EAST SIDE OF RED RIVER IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AND TO OPEN THE SAME TO SETTLEMENT AND OCCUPATION UNDER THE HOMESTEAD AND PRE-EMPTION LAWS.

WHEREAS, That portion of the Fort Abercrombie military reservation which lies in the state of Minnesota, is not needed for military purposes and has been vacated by the military department; and

WHEREAS, Said lands are valuable for agricultural purposes and are now occupied by *bona fide* settlers who went upon, occupied and improved said lands under the belief that the same were a part of the public domain and open to settlement under the pre-emption and homestead laws of the United States; now therefore

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

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their influence in behalf of legislation which will restore so much of the military reservation at Ft. Abercrombie, as is situated in the state of Minnesota to the body of public lands of the United States.

Resolved, further, that the secretary of state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 2, A. D. 1876.