

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 1.]—Joint Resolutions relative to the Military Reservation at Fort Snelling. November 1, 1849

Whereas, At the early settlement of the country, the War Department thought fit to reserve a large tract of land near Fort Snelling, for military purposes, which although it may have been necessary at the time, that necessity has since ceased, as the wood has been removed and hay is now furnished by contract. And *Whereas*, The reserve is a very fertile tract of country, and being in the immediate vicinity of the seat of Government of the Territory, it would immediately be settled and the Government reap a speedy income from the sale thereof:

And Whereas, There were many settlers within the limits of the reserve when it was designated as such, who had located thereon under the provisions of the pre-emption law of 1838, and had built houses and opened farms, from all which they were driven by the authority of the department, without any remuneration for the improvements they had made: Therefore,

Resolved, by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, That the Hon. H. H. Sibley, Delegate to Congress, be and he is hereby requested to use his influence with the War Department to have the reservation for Fort Snelling, confined between the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers.

Resolved, That the Delegate be also requested to use his influence to obtain the passage of a law granting the right of pre-emption under the existing laws, to all persons who shall prove to the satisfaction of the officers of the proper land office, the fact of their having made a bona fide settlement upon the lands of said reservation, and from which they were compelled to remove.

Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to our Delegate to Congress, to the presiding officers of the two houses of Congress, and to the Hon., the Secretary of War of the United States.

APPROVED, the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Asking the War Department to limit the reservation for Fort Snelling between the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers.

Asking the passage of a law granting the right of pre-emption for lands within the reservation, etc.

[No. 2.]—Joint Resolutions relative to the removal of the Chippewa Indians from the ceded lands within the Territory of Minnesota.

October 11, 1849.

Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota: That to ensure the security and tranquility of the white settlements in an extensive and valuable district of this Territory, the Chippewa Indians should be removed from all lands within the Territory

Asking that the Chippewa Indians be removed from the Territory and that the 5th article of the treaty of 23rd