

# APPENDIX.

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*Memorial and Joint Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota to Congress for the Relief of James B. Thomas and family.*

WHEREAS, James B. Thomas, a natural born citizen of the United States, and in March, 1857, a citizen of Minnesota, Preamble. does most respectfully represent that in the year and month aforesaid, an outlawed band of some forty Indians, of the Sioux tribe, commonly supposed to be under the command of Ink-pa-du-tab, made a descent upon his house and family.

That he was by said Indians deprived of all his property, as set forth in the accompanying petition, that one of his sons was instantly killed, and himself wounded in the arm by the said Indians; that the wound was of such a nature as to render the amputation of the limb necessary in order to preserve life; and that he also lost another child from the effects of the intense cold experienced while fleeing from the said Indians for safety, and that he is now entirely destitute, and, in a great measure, unable to support his family.

Your memorialists, uniting with the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, would most respectfully ask your honorable body to grant a sufficient remuneration to said James B. Thomas and family for the loss sustained by the barbarous acts of said Indians.

*Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives Resolution. be requested, to use all their influence to procure the passage of an act for the relief of said James B. Thomas and family, and that in view of the facts set forth in the Memorial, we deem it but an act of common justice on the part of the General Government to remunerate to said Thomas and family for the property, loss and injury sustained in consequence of said Indian depredations.

Resolution.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State forward a certified copy of the foregoing Memorial and Joint Resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

AMOS COGGSWELL,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,  
President of the Senate.

APPROVED—March eighth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }  
March 8th, 1860. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.



*A Memorial in relation to Indians and Indian affairs.*

*To the President of the United States:*

Memorial.

We, your memorialists, do most respectfully represent that large bands of roving Indians have visited during the past year, and more especially this winter, various portions of the State remote from their reservations, much to the injury of the settlers, killing their stock, cutting timber, destroying game, and frequently, while under the influence of liquor, doing acts of violence and wrong, creating thereby alarms and fears in the minds of the inhabitants, and to such an extent in some instances as to call for the exercise of force to drive them away, and because of this necessary action on the part of the whites in self-protection, the fear is entertained that the Indians, in a moment of excitement and desire for revenge, may seek to retaliate and commit some high-handed outrage; hence alarms, a feeling of insecurity of life and property exists in various parts of the State at this time.

Your memorialists would respectfully suggest and urge some action on the part of the Government whereby the Indians may be paid in provisions instead of money; the credit system abolished among the traders, whereby the annuity is absorbed before being paid; and other reforms such as may suggest themselves, and thus the cause, in a measure, of their wandering and pilfering being removed, they may

be compelled to remain on their reserve, or leave it only under a written pass from the Indian Agent.

Your memorialists further represent that the very stringent law upon the statute books of this State entitled "an <sup>Memorial</sup> Act to extend the laws of this State over all Indian tribes within the boundaries of this State, and to confine them to their own lands," passed July twentieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, is a dead letter and wholly inoperative, and it is believed that the remedy for the evil complained of lies with the Government because of its business relations with this people.

Wherefore, your memorialists respectfully request that measures be taken at the earliest convenient moment to remedy this evil, by correcting abuses in the present system under which the Indian is governed, thus affording protection to the settlers.

AMOS COGGSWELL,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
IGNATIUS DONNELLY,  
President of the Senate.

APPROVED—March sixth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

ALEX. RAMSEY,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }  
March 6th, 1860. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.