

quest that the same be laid before such of their Legislatures as may be in session.

Approved, March 5, 1863.

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NUMBER XV.

*Joint Resolution Instructing the State Auditor relative to Appropriations.*

*Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

Instructing the  
State Auditor in  
relation to appro-  
priations

That the State Auditor be instructed to pay out of the appropriation for the State Prison, for the year 1863, all bills properly drawn and attested for expenses of December, 1862.

Approved, March 6, 1863.

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NUMBER XVI.

*Joint Resolution for the Payment of Special Messengers from Fort Abercrombie to St. Paul, in August, 1862.*

*Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appro-

priated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of Isaiah Gervais and Narcissa Demarais, as special messengers from Fort Abercrombie to Governor Ramsey, in August, 1862.

Approved, March 6, 1863.

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## NUMBER XVII.

### *Joint Resolutions in relation to the Return of the First Regiment of Minnesota Volunteers to the State of Minnesota.*

WHEREAS, The First Regiment of Minnesota Volunteers now in the army of the Potomac, has been engaged in arduous and actual service near twenty months; and

WHEREAS, during this period it has taken part in most of the campaigns, and been present and shown its valor in almost every leading battle in Virginia, from Bull's Run to Fredericksburg, by reason of which, its ranks have been thinned, and gradually reduced to near one-fourth of its original number; and

WHEREAS, By reason of its distinguished services, and the great depletion of its numbers, it is believed it would prove of ultimate benefit to the public service to grant said regiment the privilege of returning to Minnesota for a limited period, in order to recruit and fill up its depleted ranks; therefore,

*Resolved*, By the Senate of Minnesota, (the House concurring therein) that his Excellency, Governor Ramsey, is hereby requested to communicate with the President and the Secretary of War, if he has not already done so, with the view, if possible, of securing a temporary withdrawal of said First Regiment to the State of Minnesota.