

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.

*Resolved, further,* That our Senators and Representatives at Washington, are hereby earnestly requested to co-operate in procuring the return of said Regiment, to this State, for the purposes aforesaid.

*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the Governor to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved, February 28, 1863.