

proved July 5th, 1862, according to the provisions of said act, and such rules as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved, March 3, 1863.

NUMBER IX.

Joint Resolution Relative to the Confirmation of H. H. Sibley as Brigadier General of Volunteers.

WHEREAS, We learn with regret that the limitation placed by Congress, on the number of general officers authorized to be appointed for the volunteer forces, is likely to prevent the confirmation of Brigadier General Sibley; and

WHEREAS, The good results attending the conduct of the campaign against the Sioux Indians last fall—the safe deliverance of the white captives—the surrender of so large a number of Indians—the protection assured to the frontier; all at so small a loss of life in the military operations, entitled Gen. Sibley to the promotion so promptly bestowed after the victory of Wood Lake, and indicate his peculiar fitness for the command of the approaching campaign against the Sioux; and

WHEREAS, The failure of Gen. Sibley's confirmation would now occasion the entire loss of his services to the public and the State, (inasmuch as he holds no other commission than that heretofore tendered by the President) and would be regarded by the troops under his command, and the people of the State generally, as a public misfortune, therefore

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That we respectfully and urgently ask the President

Relative to the
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of Volunteers

to appoint Brigadier General H. H. Sibley, a Brigadier General of Volunteers, and to assign him to the command of the District of Minnesota, for the approaching campaign against the Sioux Indians.

Approved, March 5, 1863.

NUMBER X.

Joint Resolution for the Appointment of additional Commissioners to Receive Soldiers' Votes.

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That the Governor is hereby authorized and required, if, in his judgment the same be considered necessary, at least forty days before the next general election, to appoint, in addition to the Commissioners now authorized by law, four other Commissioners whose qualifications, duties, and compensation, shall be the same as those authorized by an act entitled "an act to enable citizens of this State, who are or may be engaged in the military or naval service of the United States, to vote in the election districts where they reside, at the general election to be held in the month of November, 1862, and at all subsequent general elections during the continuance of the present war," approved September 27th, 1862; and the Governor is further authorized to assign the said Commissioners districts, in which to exercise the functions of their office, and, if in his judgment, the objects contemplated by the act aforesaid, can be best subserved by a redivision of the States and Territories of the United States into districts, he is hereby authorized so to do.

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