

APPENDIX.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE, COMMENCING JANUARY THIRD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX, AND TERMINATING MARCH THIRD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX.

NUMBER I.

Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota in relation to a Light House on Lake Superior. February 23, 1866

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Whereas, Beaver Bay, on Lake Superior, in the State of Minnesota, has a good harbor for the largest vessels on said Lake;

Preamble.

And whereas, The distance from Beaver Bay to the newly discovered gold fields and rich mineral lands at Lake Vermilion is only sixty miles over a country well adapted for the construction of a good stage road.

And whereas, The United States have reserved at Beaver Bay a tract of land for the construction of a Light House.

And Whereas, By an act of Congress, entitled "An Act making appropriations for Light Houses," etc., approved August 18th, 1856, the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6000) was appropriated for a Light House at Beaver Bay, which money has never been used for that purpose:

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to employ all honorable means and to use their influence to procure the application of that money in the construction of such Light House, or in case said appropriation should have by law fallen into the surplus fund, to procure a new appropriation for a Light House at Beaver Bay.

To secure an appropriation for a Light House at Beaver Bay.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives.

Approved February 28, 1866.

NUMBER II

February 21, 1866 *Joint Resolution to Congress asking for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a Ship Canal connecting waters of Lake Superior with Portage Lake.*

Preamble.

Whereas, The Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad, now being constructed from Saint Paul, head of navigation on the Mississippi, will open to our agricultural districts water communication by way of the lakes with the markets of the East and of Europe, thus encouraging one of our most productive sources of domestic income.

And whereas, The improvement of the navigation of Lake Superior becomes important to us, as a means of promoting the interests of producer and consumer, of increasing the commerce of the lakes, encouraging the industry of our citizens and adding to the wealth of the State of Minnesota and the nation. Now, therefore,

Duty to facilitate the transit of vessels.

Resolved, That it becomes our duty to approve and commend the devotion of time, talent, skill and labor, and the expenditure of capital, to facilitate the transit of vessels over these waters; to remove natural obstructions by the appliances of art; to designate to navigators the dangers of the voyage, and show how they may be avoided; to shorten the distance by the proper observations of the true channels; to mark out routes by which time and distance may be saved; and