

by all proper means to extend and enlarge the commerce of these great inland seas, which are to us of the West, what the ocean is to our fellow countrymen of the Atlantic States.

Resolved, That the construction of a ship canal across the base of Keweenaw Point, from Lake Superior to Portage Lake, will promote these objects; and we declare our approval of that measure, as one of great public usefulness, worthy of our encouragement and designed to promote the general welfare. Recommends a ship canal.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to use their best endeavors to obtain a further grant from Congress of public lands to the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship Canal Company, if, in their judgment, this measure will expedite and secure the early completion of that work. To obtain grant of land to aid in construction of ship canal.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of these preambles and resolutions.

Approved February 21, 1866.

NUMBER III.

A Joint Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their endeavors to obtain a grant of land to aid in the construction of Steamboat and Slackwater Navigation on the Zumbro River. January 25, 1866

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That our Representatives and Senators in Congress are hereby requested to use their endeavors to obtain from the United States a grant of land to aid in the construction of steamboat and slack-water navigation on the Zumbro river, from the To obtain grant of land to aid in construction of slack-water navigation on the Zumbro river

Mississippi river near Wabasha to the Zumbro falls in Minnesota.

Approved January 25, 1866.

NUMBER IV.

February 9, 1866

*A Joint Resolution in relation to the protection of an
Emigrant Route to Montana Territory.*

*Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Min-
nesota:*

For the protec-
tion of emigrant
route to Montana
Territory.

That the Governor be requested to address Major General John Pope, requesting him, if not incompatible with the interest of the service, to extend the District of Minnesota, so as to embrace within the command of Major General J. M. Corse, Fort Rice, Fort Berthold, and Fort Union, and that he be authorized to give all the protection to emigration from this State to Montana Territory, that may be practicable with the means at his command, when such service will not interfere with his more important duties.

Approved February 9, 1866.