

NUMBER XI.

Joint resolution relative to the unexpended balance of an appropriation made by Congress for the construction of wagon road from the western boundary of Minnesota to the Missouri. February 29, 1868

Whereas, by an act of congress, approved March third, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars was appropriated for the purpose of constructing a wagon road from the western boundary of this state, through southern Dakota, to the Missouri river; and Preamble.

Whereas, By the provisions of said act the said appropriation was placed under the control of the secretary of the interior, by whom a commissioner was appointed to superintend the construction of said road in one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five; and

Whereas, The said commissioner completed the construction of said road to a point on the Missouri river at Fort Thompson, near the forty-fourth parallel of latitude, and made his official report to the secretary of the interior, October thirty-first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, showing an unexpended balance of three thousand dollars; therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, That our senators and representatives in congress are hereby respectfully requested to use their influence in securing the passage of a special act authorizing the secretary of the interior to expend the said surplus funds in improving the road and bridging the streams, over which is now carried the United States mail between Blue Earth City, Minnesota, and Yankton, the capital of Dakota territory, on the Missouri river, as is more Relative to a wagon road to the Missouri.

particularly prayed for in a memorial to congress from the legislature of said territory, approved December twelfth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

Approved February 29, 1868.

NUMBER XII.

Joint Resolution relative to the Black Hills Wagon Road.

February 29, 1868

Whereas, By an Act of congress, approved March third one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars was appropriated to open and construct a wagon road from the Missouri River to the mineral fields of the Black Hills, on the head waters of the Big Sheyenne River; and

Preamble.

Whereas, The construction on said road was suspended in the spring of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six on account of the hostile attitude of the Indians in that vicinity, who had taken refuge in the Black Hills to evade the military forces of Gen. Sully; and

Whereas, A treaty was made with those Indians in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, by the United States Peace Commissioners, by which is relinquished the right of way through said hills to Montana; and

Whereas, The early development of the rich mineral wealth of the Black Hills, lying within two hundred miles of the western boundary of Minnesota, is of vital importance to the commercial interests of this state; therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That our senators and representatives in congress are re-