

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That our senators and representatives in congress, be requested to use all honorable means in their power, with the executive of the United States, and the several departments thereof having the same in charge, to cause said reservation to be surrendered and the Indians removed therefrom to some more proper and equally suitable reservation elsewhere.

Application to have Indians removed from Pigeon river reservation.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state forward a copy of the foregoing "Joint Resolution," and of a memorial on that subject to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 1, 1872.

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NUMBER V.

*A Joint Resolution asking the State of Wisconsin to indemnify the State of Minnesota for moneys appropriated in aid of Floyd Smith.*

March 2, 1872.

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WHEREAS, On the fifth day of January 1871, a requisition was issued by the governor of the state of Wisconsin upon the governor of the state of Minnesota, for the arrest and extradition of Floyd Smith, of Faribault county, Minnesota, upon the charge of stealing a horse from one Moses Clemens, of Oconomowoc, in the state of Wisconsin, in December, 1869; and

[WHEREAS, Said Smith was arrested and conveyed to the State of Wisconsin for trial, pursuant to said requisition, was tried, indicted, convicted of the alleged offence by reason of false or mistaken evidence produced against him by the prosecution, and was sentenced to the Wisconsin state prison for two years, and was taken to said prison and there confined as a common felon for several weeks; and]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, an application was then made to the governor of Wisconsin for the pardon of said Smith and an investigation ordered by him into the merits of the case, which investigation resulted in proving conclusively and beyond all doubt that the said Smith was innocent of the offence charged or of any offence or color of criminality in the premises, and was immediately and unconditionally pardoned by said governor; and

WHEREAS, The said arrest, trial and conviction of said Smith resulted in a loss to him of about three thousand dollars, which has left him with no property—involvement in debt to the extent of several hundred dollars, and with the support of a large family to provide for, (he being a poor man at the time of his arrest); and

WHEREAS, The legislature of the state of Minnesota, in view of the foregoing facts, has appropriated the said sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600) to indemnify the said Smith for his losses incurred in the case; now therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

Application to  
the state of  
Wisconsin for  
reimbursement  
of moneys paid  
to Floyd Smith

That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin be and they are hereby petitioned and invited, as a matter of manifest justice, to make provision by law to indemnify the state of Minnesota in the sum so appropriated to said Floyd Smith, and that the governor of Minnesota be requested to present these resolutions to the governor of Wisconsin and ask him to lay them before the legislature of that state and invite their attention thereto.

Approved March 2, 1872.