

influence for the passage in the United State senate of the house bill number five hundred and eleven, which passed the house of representatives in February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, extending the time for ex-officers and soldiers of volunteers to apply for pensions until January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and paying such pensions from the date of muster-out or discharge.

Approved February 18, 1873.

NUMBER VI.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT OF IMMIGRATION.

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

That, in view of information received through a special message of his Excellency, Horace Austin, governor of the state of Minnesota, to the senate; and of further information received through the honorable state board of immigration of Minnesota, that a large number of intelligent and wealthy German Mennonites, living in colonies of Russia, intend to emigrate to America; the legislature hereby instructs the officers of the state board of immigration to invite the Mennonites to settle within the limits of the state of Minnesota, and to assure them that they will receive a hearty welcome by the people of Minnesota, and that the legislature will endeavor to secure to them the largest religious and political privileges allowed under the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Minnesota; and to render them all reasonable aid and protection during their transit from Russia to the state of Minnesota. The state board of immigration is hereby instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the officers and agents of the Russian Mennonites.

Approved February 19, 1873.