

way connections with the navigation at the city of Hudson in the state of Wisconsin, and at the city of Stillwater in the state of Minnesota, render free navigation of said lake and river, of great importance to the general commercial interests of the people of both states of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

WHEREAS, There are obstructions to the free navigation of said river and lake, consisting of a sand-bar in said lake near the village of Afton in said state of Minnesota, and a sand-bar in said lake known as Willow River bar near the city of Hudson in the state of Wisconsin; and that the obstructions to the free navigation of said river consist of snags in, and trees leaning over the water in the bends of said river; also, abandoned piers sunk in the channel of said river, as well as a number of sand-bars between the head of Lake St. Croix and the Falls of St. Croix in said river, as to make said river impassable for a large portion of the year, when the free navigation of said river is very desirable to a large population in the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, above the city of Stillwater, who have no other public facilities for transportation or travel than that offered by the said St. Croix river.

AND WHEREAS, Said obstruction to the free navigation of said river and lake can be removed at a small cost to the general government by the use of the dredge boat used in the removal of sand-bars in the Mississippi river, near the mouth of said Lake St. Croix, and by the use of the snag-boat employed for the purpose of removing snags on the upper Mississippi river.

*Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That the senators and representatives of this state in congress be requested to use their influence to secure, at the present session of congress, such legislation as will provide for the improvement of the navigation of said St. Croix river and lake at as early a day as may be practicable.

Approved February 21, 1873.

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## NUMBER IX.

JOINT RESOLUTION FOR A MAIL ROUTE WITH SEMI-WEEKLY MAIL SERVICE, FROM MONTICELLO, IN WRIGHT COUNTY, TO PRINCETON, IN MILLE LACS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, The settlers in the towns of Big Lake and Baldwin, in the county of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, are, by reason of their great distance from any post office or mail route, deprived of the conveniences of postal service; now therefore

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

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their efforts to secure the establishment of a mail route from Monticello, in Wright county, by the way of Big Lake, Orrock's settlement and Baldwin, in Sherburne county, to Princeton, in Mille Lacs county, with semi-weekly service thereon.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing joint resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 27, 1873.

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## NUMBER X.

### A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO HOMESTEADS FOR SOLDIERS, SAILORS, &c.

WHEREAS, Many soldiers who served in the army of the United States in the late rebellion have entered under the provisions of the homestead laws a quantity of land less than one hundred and sixty acres previous to the enactment of an act of congress, approved July fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, entitled "an act making appropriations for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and for other purposes." And

WHEREAS, The act of congress approved April fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "an act to enable honorable discharged soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphan children to acquire homesteads on the public lands of the United States," entitles a soldier, sailor, etc., who had entered a quantity of land less than one hundred and sixty acres, to enter so much land as when added to that previously entered should not exceed one hundred and sixty acres, only when contiguous thereto; now, therefore,

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

That our senators and representatives in congress be and are