

ment of the Mississippi river, from the Falls of St. Anthony to its source, at as early a day as may be practicable; and to secure the appropriation of such sum of money as may be necessary for the commencement of the improvement herein specified.

Approved February 24, 1874.

### NUMBER XIII.

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS, OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, ASKING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POST ROUTE FROM ST. JAMES, IN WATONWAN COUNTY, VIA OF CEDARVILLE, LONE CEDAR, AND DUNNELL, IN MARTIN COUNTY, MINN., TO ESTHERVILLE IN EMMETT COUNTY, IOWA.

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

That congress be requested to pass an act establishing a post route from St. James, in Watonwan county, via Cedarville, Lone Cedar, and Dunnell, in Martin county, Minnesota, to Estherville, in Emmett county, Iowa—a distance of about forty-five miles.

*Resolved*, That so soon as said post route may be provided for by law, the honorable postmaster general is requested to place such service thereon as shall accommodate the people of said district.

*Resolved*, That the governor of this state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress, and to the postmaster general.

Approved February 26, 1874.

### NUMBER XIV.

A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE MISSION TO SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

WHEREAS, Large numbers of the citizens of this state are natives of Sweden and Norway, which countries in later years have added to

our population an average of twenty thousand citizens per year ; and  
WHEREAS, The relations existing between these countries and the United States are of the most intimate and friendly character, both as respects the governmental, social, and commercial intercourse of said countries ; and

WHEREAS, We deem it to the advantage of both the United States and the kingdoms of Sweden and Norway, that the friendly relations existing between said countries be fostered and strengthened in all proper ways ; and

WHEREAS, By reason of the large population of Sweden and Norway (numbering over six millions,) and the intelligence of their people, the said countries deserve to rank in their diplomatic relations with the United States on an equality with Austria, Switzerland, Russia, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Peru, and Chili, in all of which countries our government support full second-class missions ; now therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota :*

That our members in congress be and hereby are requested to urge the enactment of a law raising the rank of the mission to Sweden and Norway to that of a full second-class mission—known and styled as “Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,”—the same rank that Norway and Sweden have always supported at Washington in their diplomatic representation to this country.

*Resolved, further,* That the governor be requested to forward copies hereof to our senators and representatives in congress at an early day.

Approved February 28, 1874.

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## NUMBER XV.

### JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MINNESOTA RIVER.

WHEREAS, The practicability and feasibility of improving the navigation of the Minnesota river is clearly shown by the surveys thereof made by the war department, by a system of locks and