

## NUMBER XVIII.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING SENATORS TO URGE THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES OF LAND GRANTED TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA IN AID OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN RAILROADS AND FOR THE RELIEF OF SETTLERS THEREON.

WHEREAS, By the decision of the honorable the secretary of the interior in the case of S. M. Boyd vs. the Burlington and Missouri Railroad, to the effect that when a grant of lands to aid in the construction of a railroad excepts from its provisions land to which a legal pre-emption or homestead right had attached at the date of the definite location of such roads; and

WHEREAS, Large tracts of land, now claimed by the land grant railroads of this state, by virtue of conveyance by the state under said grants, have been settled upon in good faith by actual settlers, who now hold the same at the will of said roads, and subject to be ejected therefrom, to the utter impoverishment of many worthy citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, the general land office refuses all or any relief to such settlers; therefore

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

That our senators in congress be instructed, and our members be requested, to use all honorable efforts to procure the passage of an act authorizing and directing the commissioner of the general land office, upon proper proof of a legal valid pre-emption right existing to any lands granted as aforesaid in behalf of any settler to lands where the right of pre-emption had attached as aforesaid, prior to the definite location of the line of such road, to cancel such conveyance to the state so far as the same relates to such land, and to authorize the pre-emption of such land or lands at the minimum rate for the entry of government lands by the party showing right thereto, at the local land office in the district where said lands are situate, and also to authorise such railroads to select other lands not otherwise appropriated in lieu thereof, or to secure an appropriation from the general government sufficient to pay all just and equitable claims which said railroad companies may have to any of said lands, and so provide by law that such settlers may be permitted to perfect the title to their respective claims.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to forward copies hereof to our senators and representatives in congress, and also to the commissioner of the general land office, at an early day.

Approved March 2, 1874.

### NUMBER XIX.

A JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS FOR APPROPRIATIONS TO IMPROVE THE HARBOR OF DULUTH.

WHEREAS, The state of Minnesota has but one port upon the great lakes, and of the large appropriations of congress for harbor improvements has as yet received but a very small part; and

WHEREAS, The facilities for shipping and transporting eastward by water routes the agricultural products of this State, are of prime importance to it; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the senate and house of representatives of the United States, in congress assembled, be and they are hereby requested to make such liberal and just appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Duluth as will keep it up to the growing necessities of the northwest.

*Resolved*, That the governor be directed to transmit this memorial to congress for their consideration.

Approved March 2, 1874.

### NUMBER XX.

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS, [OF THE LEGISLATURE] OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, ASKING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POST ROUTE FROM MARSHALL, MINNESOTA, TO DELL RAPIDS, DAKOTA TERRITORY.

WHEREAS, The rapidly increasing population of Lyon and Lincoln counties, Minnesota, and along the eastern line of Dakota Territory, labor under great inconvenience by reason of the circuitous