

Resolved, That the postmaster general be requested to establish a post office at or near Pelican Lake, on said route, so soon as the route shall be duly authorized by act of Congress.

Resolved further, 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 March 5, 1874.

NUMBER XXIV.

A JOINT RESOLUTION PRAYING FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE CERTAIN LINES OF RAILROAD.

The memorial of the legislature of the state of Minnesota respectfully represent :

That, chiefly by reason of the financial difficulties of the year last past, portions of the St. Paul and Pacific railroad lines, extending from Watab to Brainerd and from St. Cloud to St. Vincent on the international boundary line, remain partially uncompleted, that is to say : one hundred forty-three and one half miles are ready for rolling stock in detached parts, but not so as to be operated to advantage without the completion of the other portions ; 178 miles are graded and ready for the superstructure, save the bridges, the materials for which are in condition to be put together ; the cross-ties are also ready to be placed, and fifty-nine miles are not as yet graded ;

That inasmuch as the time limited by the act of congress approved March 3d, 1873, for completing such lines has expired, and the portions constructed will be of but little service to the people or the government unless the other parts are also completed ; and communication by rail with the large and growing communities in the British possessions north, and the military posts in the northwest portions of the state, will be impracticable ; therefore,

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

That this state respectfully and urgently requests congress to continue to this state the land grants, to aid in the construction of said lines of road until January 1st, 1876, and to provide that said

line of road extending from Saint Cloud to Saint Vincent shall be constructed *via* Sauk Centre, Osakis, Alexandria and Fergus Falls in this state, but we hereby direct our senators and request our representatives in congress not to permit the passage of any such act of extension which does not grant the said lands directly to the state of Minnesota, and with the power, upon the part of the state, clearly expressed in the act, to impose any and all additional terms and conditions in the disposition of said lands, which experience has shown to be necessary for the protection of the people, and with full power on the part of the state to grant said lands to any company or companies the state may select, due regard being had to the rights of individuals who have performed work upon, or paid money for such uncompleted portions of said roads.

The governor is hereby requested to forward copies of this memorial to each of the senators and members of the house of representatives of this state and also the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives.

Approved March 5, 1874.

NUMBER XXV.

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS ASKING THAT GOVERNMENT LANDS IN THIS STATE, TO THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY SECTIONS, BE GRANTED TO THE STATE IN LIEU OF THE TWENTY SECTIONS ON THE WINNEBAGO INDIAN RESERVATION, IN WASECA AND BLUE EARTH COUNTIES, HERETOFORE SOLD AND CONVEYED BY THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT TO PRIVATE PARTIES.

WHEREAS, By act of March third, A. D. eighteen hundred and forty-nine, known as the organic act of Minnesota, the congress of the United States did enact "that when the lands in the said territory (of Minnesota) shall be surveyed under the direction of the government of the United States, preparatory to bringing the same into market, sections numbered sixteen and thirty-six in each township in said territory shall be, and the same are hereby reserved for the purpose of being applied to schools in said territory, and in the state and territories hereafter to be created out of the same;" and

WHEREAS, The first clause of section five of the act authorizing a state government, passed by congress February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, provides, "that sections numbered