

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1874.

NUMBER XXXIII.

JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS, REPRESENTING MINNESOTA, TO USE THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE A POST ROUTE IN THE COUNTIES OF SIBLEY, McLEOD AND BENVILLE.

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

That our senators and representatives in congress are requested to use their efforts to secure a post route from Henderson, in Sibley county, and thence by way of Prairie Mound, Mountville, Transit and Round Grove, via McLeod county, to Beaver Falls, in Renville county, a total distance of about fifty miles.

Resolved, That the postmaster general is respectfully requested to establish post offices at Prairie Mound, in Sibley county, and Round Grove, in McLeod county; and to place the requisite service on said route so soon as the route shall be duly authorized by act of congress.

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.

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NUMBER XXXIV.

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AGENT TO PROSECUTE CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, The government of the United States, in receiving

this state and certain other western states into the union, stipulated in their several acts of admission to pay them five per cent. upon the sales of the public lands situate therein, the consideration therefor being non-taxation of public lands, non-interference with the primary disposal of the soil, and no discrimination against non-resident tax payers; and

WHEREAS, Large bodies of the public lands in this and other states have been located with military land warrants issued by the United States, or set apart by the United States for permanent Indian reservations, or for other purposes, on which said five per cent. has not been paid; and

WHEREAS, Such disposal of said lands of the United States, has in many cases not been a donation, but virtually a sale, for which the United States has received a consideration in the way of military services rendered, or otherwise, while the states have received no benefit, but suffered injury; and

WHEREAS, In the opinion of officials and citizens of various states interested, these premises constitute a reasonable ground for the presentation of a claim against the United States for five per centum of the cash value of the lands so disposed of, which claim, if its validity shall be established in congress or in the courts, will yield a large sum of money to the internal improvement fund of this state; therefore

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That the governor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an agent or attorney to co-operate with the agents or attorneys of other states, appointed for a like purpose, in presenting and prosecuting said claim against the United States, stipulating with said agent or attorney for a reasonable compensation for his services, which compensation however, shall, by such stipulation, only be paid in case of successful issue of said prosecution, and only out of moneys realized from the payment of said claim, and not otherwise.

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