

NUMBER V.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVING THE NAVIGATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

WHEREAS, By reason of sand-bars in the Mississippi river at St. Paul, Minnesota, the navigation of said river is entirely obstructed on the west side of said river, making it impossible for steamboats to land and communicate with the carrying trade of the rich country adjacent and tributary; and,

WHEREAS, The interests of commerce and agriculture require that the river at this great centre of the commerce of the northwest should be made available to connect with all the railroad system of the state centering at this point, on both sides of the river; and,

WHEREAS, The said obstruction to the free navigation of the river can be removed at a small cost to the general government, by the use of the dredge boat used in removal of said [sand] bars from said 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 and are hereby 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 river at Saint Paul, at as early a date as may be practicable.

Approved February 12, 1875.

 NUMBER VI.

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 and demonstrated by the surveys thereof made by the war department, by a system of locks and dams, whereby permanent navigation of said river during the season thereof can be secured, to the great relief of the grain producing interests of this state, therefore,