

difficulty transported and communication greatly impeded, and the public at large as well as government troops and employees subjected to great delay, expense and inconvenience at all seasons of the year, and for a time in the spring and early winter by reason of the insecurity of the ice crossing at said fort is entirely suspended. In order that a safe and free passage may be had over said river at said fort at all seasons of the year, the legislature of this state has authorized the erection of a free bridge for the use of the people, and of the troops and employees of the government of the United States, a portion of the expense of which ought to be borne by the United States; therefore

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

That our senators and representatives in the congress of the United States be, and they are requested to secure such reasonable appropriation on the part of the United States as will enable the county of Ramsey to construct and maintain a free bridge from said county across said river within the military reservation at or near said fort as in said legislative act provided and intended.

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## NUMBER XXV.

### A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS.

WHEREAS, It appears from the message of Gov. C. K. Davis, and from the report of the board of regents of the university of Minnesota that the state of Minnesota has never received its full quota of the lands granted it by the general government on its admission into the Union, known as salt spring lands, and that the deficit has come from no fault of the state or of its officers; and

WHEREAS, Some of these lands have been pre-empted, and are now held by *bona fide* settlers, and others were covered by grants to railroads as swamp lands, while still others were, when selected, without the surveyed portions of the state; and

WHEREAS, These lands have been set aside by the act of the legislature, approved March 10th, 1873, for the prosecution of a thorough geological and natural history survey of the state, conducted by the board of regents of the university of Minnesota; therefore

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

That our senators and representatives in congress are hereby requested to take the necessary steps to obtain from the United States government, permission to make indemnity selections in full for said deficit, in lieu of lands thus lost to the state.

Approved February 26, A. D. 1876.

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NUMBER XXVI.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ASKING CONGRESS TO REQUIRE THE INDIAN DEPARTMENT TO KEEP THE VARIOUS BANDS OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS ON THEIR RESERVATIONS.

WHEREAS, In the northern portion of this state, there are divers bands of Chippewa Indians, some of whom are located on reservations, and some of whom refuse to reside thereon, all of whom roam about in small parties, pilfering from the settlers and causing them great trouble, inconvenience and loss; and

WHEREAS, Those indians who are located on reservations are given by the government agents "passes" allowing them to leave said reservations for the purpose of hunting and trapping; therefor

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

That we request and instruct our senators and representatives in congress to do what may be necessary to prevent the said Indians from roaming over the lands of the settlers of this state, and to require those Indians who are not now located on reservations, to be forthwith removed to the same, and compelled to remain thereon.

*Resolved,* That the governor of the state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to the secretary of the Indian department and to senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 1, 1876.