

NUMBER 2.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE NAVIGATION OF THE RED RIVER OF THE NORTH.

WHEREAS, Government surveys have demonstrated that the navigation of the Red River of the North may be so improved by a proper system of locks and dams, that steamboats may ply during the entire boating season between Breckenridge and intermediate points in Minnesota and Dakota and Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS, A vast and rapidly increasing commerce is maintained on said river between the people of the United States and of said Province; and

WHEREAS, The commercial interests of said State, Territory and Province imperatively demand increased carrying facilities and cheaper modes of transportation; therefore,

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

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their influence to secure such an appropriation for the improvement of the Red River of the North, as will be necessary at the different points indicated in the survey thereof, by a system of locks and dams sufficient to maintain the permanent navigation of said river, and such further sum as will be necessary to defray the expense of surveying the Red River from Fergus Falls to Breckenridge.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved January 25, 1878.

NUMBER 3.

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS TO PASS AN ACT TO COMPEL THE INDIANS IN THE STATE TO REMAIN ON THEIR RESERVATION.

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

THAT WHEREAS, The Chippewa Indians upon the White Earth reservation of this State, make a practice of leaving their reservation in large numbers; going among and greatly annoying the settlements about them; frequenting and staying about places where they can obtain liquor; getting drunk frequently, thus jeopardizing not only their own lives, but the lives of the white people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their best endeavors to secure the passage of an act by Congress that will be effectual in preventing all Indians in this State from leaving their reservation for any purpose whatever, without a special permit from their agent, which permit should be only for some special purpose other than that of hunting and fishing; and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and also one to the Secretary of Indian Affairs.

Approved March 11, 1878.

NUMBER 4.

A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR MONEY TO PURCHASE SEED FOR SUFFERERS FROM GRASSHOPPER RAVAGES.

WHEREAS, There is not now sufficient money in the State treasury to the credit of the revenue fund to comply with an act entitled "An act to furnish and distribute seed grain to sufferers from grasshopper ravages, approved February 13, A. D. 1878," therefore,

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

That the State Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make arrangements with one (1) or more of the banks of St. Paul, whereby such bank or banks shall redeem State Auditor's warrants to an amount not exceeding the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), drawn on the revenue fund, and hold the same until such times as the accumulation of the said revenue fund shall be sufficient to redeem the same in part or entire; and it shall be lawful for said Treasurer to allow and pay from receipts for interest on daily balances of State funds deposited under the provisions of chapter eleven (11) of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four (1874), such bank or banks, interest at a rate not to exceed eight (8) per cent. per annum on daily sums of balance of such warrants so held, until such time as it shall be competent to pay such warrants or portions thereof from the revenue fund, said money so raised to be used for the purchase of seed grain for sufferers from grasshopper ravages, and for no other purpose.

Approved March 5, 1878.