

NUMBER 5.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring that,

WHEREAS, There is a large amount of travel and intercourse between the citizens of the United States and the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin, carried on across the present bridge over the St. Croix River at the Dalles, at St. Croix and Taylors Falls, and,

WHEREAS, The highway leading to said bridge on the Wisconsin side of the river runs over high and almost inaccessible hills, making extensive travel thereon exceedingly difficult and dangerous, and,

WHEREAS, It is of the highest importance that a bridge should be at once constructed across said river at a point higher up thereon, so as to be easily accessible from the Wisconsin side of said river, nearly opposite the village of St. Croix Falls, avoiding saw mills, and,

WHEREAS, The construction of said bridge would be a great accommodation to the people in said vicinity, and the public at large;

Therefore be it resolved That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby requested to use all reasonable efforts to secure an appropriation in the sum of thirty thousand (30,000) dollars to be expended under the direction of the Civil Engineer of the United States, or in such other manner as Congress may direct for the purpose of constructing said bridge.

SEC. 2. *Resolved,* That the Governor be, and hereby is respectfully requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved February 23, 1883.

NUMBER 6.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ASKING IMMEDIATE ADJUSTMENT OF LAND GRANTS TO RAILROADS IN THIS STATE.

WHEREAS, Millions of acres of land in this state have been granted to railroads, and have been withdrawn from settlement and are untaxed, and whereas, many of such grants have not been adjusted, and lands not falling within the grant are thus withheld from market or are untaxed, and,

WHEREAS, Some of such grants have been forfeited by reason of non-compliance in part by the railroad company to which the grant has been made with the intentions of the grant, and,

WHEREAS, It requires an act of Congress or the decree of a court to forfeit the land of a defaulting railroad company, therefore

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

That the interest of the state and of the citizens requires that all grants to railroads should be adjusted at the earliest possible day, or that in all cases when any railroad company has not complied with the conditions of the grant to it, such grant should be at once declared forfeited.

Resolved further, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to use all honorable means to secure an immediate adjustment of such grants, or an immediate forfeiture of any grant, the terms of which has not been complied with.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of State be, and is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to our Senators and Representatives in Congress at as early a day as practicable.

Approved February 17, 1883.

NUMBER 7.

JOINT RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE CHIPPEWA INDIANS

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the article VII of the constitution of the State of Minnesota, provides that "persons of Indian blood residing in this state, who have adopted the language, customs and habits of civilization after an examination before any district court of the state, in such manner as may be provided by law, and shall have been pronounced by said court capable of enjoying the rights of citizenship within this state", shall be entitled to vote; and

WHEREAS, By the adoption of said clause in the constitution, the people of this state have evinced a just and humane desire to see the Indians who inhabit Minnesota, raised from a state of semi-barbarism to one of enlightenment and have by it removed one great barrier that might prevent the accomplishment of this philanthropic object; and

WHEREAS, The Chippewa Indians residing in the north part of this state have always been friendly to the white men, are a civil, well disposed, peaceable and orderly people, and many of them have during the past few years made great advancement in agricultural and mechanical arts, and desire to become civilized, and share with us in our social, political and religious privileges; and

WHEREAS, Insuperable barriers to the successful accomplishment of these objects are presented by their maintaining tribal relations, holding their lands in common, and having no protection on their reserva-