

NUMBER X.

A Memorial to Congress for appropriations to indemnify the State for certain expenditures.

To the Honorable, the Congress of the United States :

Memorial for indemnity for certain expenses incurred

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully showeth, that in accordance with the provisions of the Enabling Act, passed by your honorable body to authorize the people of the Territory of Minnesota to form a Constitution and State Government preparatory to admission into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, the citizens of the said Territory in the loyal and faithful understanding of that Act and its intent, convened their State Legislature after their acceptance of the Constitution and adopted your federal executive officers until formal declaration should be made by Congress of our admission into the Union.

That this Legislature finds itself called upon for the payment of large sums of money for debts contracted during our Territorial organization, for proper and necessary objects; and which, therefore this Legislature could not rightfully repudiate; the details of which are shown in the accompanying appropriation bills, which have been duly passed by this Legislature, and which have been approved by the acting Governor.

And further your Memorialists respectfully represent, That the sum of sixty-four thousand dollars has been appropriated for the payment of the expenses of the Convention authorized by your honorable body to be held during our Territorial existence, for the purpose of framing a Constitution for the State of Minnesota :

And further, that in consequence of the delay which your honorable body has seen fit to interpose to the declaration of the admission of Minnesota into the Union, this Legislature has protracted its session, is denied the passage of many important laws, and is now about to adjourn for several months, whereby great additional expense is made to the State :

Wherefore your Memorialists respectfully urge that an appropriation be made by your honorable body, of twenty-five thousand dollars to indemnify the State for her appropriation to pay claims made against the Territory; and that the further sum of sixty-four thousand five hundred dollars for expenses of the Constitutional Convention; and the fur-

ther sum of fifty thousand dollars to assist in defraying the expenses of the present Legislature, to which she was entitled as a Territory.

And the attention of your honorable body is further called to the particulars of the numerous claims now pressing upon the State, growing out of the Indian disturbances of last Spring as set forth in a former Memorial from this Legislature :

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound will ever pray.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem* of the Senate.

APPROVED—June eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

HENRY H. SIBLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
June 18, 1858. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

FRANCIS BAASEN, Secretary of State.

NUMBER XI.

A Memorial to Congress for an appropriation to defray the expenses of Expeditions against hostile Indians in the Territory of Minnesota.

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represents,

That in consequence of the incursions of hostile Indians on our south-western border, known as the Spirit Lake Massacres, the fact that certain female captives, wives and daughters of our murdered citizens were then in the hands of the savage foe, and the then apparent disaffection of the Sioux, the occasion was deemed urgent and necessary to call out and equip certain volunteer companies of the Territorial Militia, from Blue Earth, Nicollet and Brown Counties, for the preservation of the peace and protection of the Territory, the expense of which expeditions has been ascertained by this Legislature to be nearly nine thousand dollars; and further that the Legislature of the Territory at an extra session held at St.

Memorial to Congress for an appropriation to defray the current expenses of the expedition against hostile Indians in the Territory of Minnesota