

# JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

## NUMBER I.

### *Joint Resolution relative to the Sioux and Winnebago Reservations.*

*Whereas*, The reservation now occupied by the Sioux Indians, embraces a much larger tract of country than is necessary for their use, or compatible with the interests of the State, and whereas, the civilization of these Indians would be greatly promoted by securing to each head of a family a tract of land sufficient for agricultural purposes, with such assistance from the general government as may be deemed requisite to withdraw them from the chase and afford proper agricultural and mechanical education.

Joint resolution  
to representatives  
in congress to  
urge the opening  
up to settlement  
of the sioux res-  
ervation

*And, whereas*, The reservation now occupied by the Winnebago Indians, in the counties of Blue Earth and Waseca, embraces a territory now entirely surrounded by white settlements, and which reservation is near the centre of one of the most densely populated districts of the State.

*And, Whereas*, the location of said reservation is such, that it is impossible to prevent a constant trade being carried on between the white settlers and the Indians occupying the said reserve, and through the influence constantly kept up between the whites and the Indians, the latter are constantly being supplied with spirituous liquors, the free use of which by the Indians often leads to the most unfortunate results, both as relates to the whites and the Indians. And whereas the civilization of these Indians would doubtless be greatly advanced by removing them beyond the influence above alluded to, and by locating them upon lands where each Indian can be possessed of a farm beyond the white settlements.

*Therefore, Resolved* by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, that our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be and are hereby requested to urge upon the Indian department at Washington, such measures as may be necessary to open to settlement the surplus and unoccupied land now contained within the Sioux reservation; and such additional measures as may be deemed proper to heal the difficulties heretofore and still existing between the whites and Sioux, bordering upon our State line, and to secure

the peaceful occupancy of the lands upon our western frontiers. And also to take such measures as may be necessary to procure a speedy removal of the said Winnebago Indians from their present location, to one beyond the white settlements, and that the reservation now occupied by the said Winnebago Indians may be opened to pre-emption and settlement in the same manner as other government lands are now subject to settlement.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker *pro tem.* of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—February twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

CHARLES L. CHASE, Acting Governor:

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

February 25, 1858. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.

## NUMBER II.

### *Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota.*

*Whereas*, The impression has gone abroad in this State, that lands sold by the United States are not taxable until the Patents therefor have been issued, and that the Supreme Court of the United States has decided to that effect; and

Joint resolution  
of instructions to  
assessors to tax  
pre-empted but  
unpatented lands

*Whereas*, Reliable information has been received from the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, that no such decision has been made by said Court:

*Therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota.*

That the different Assessors of this State, are hereby directed to assess all lands sold by the United States, whether patents have been issued for the same or not.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State is hereby requested to furnish each Register of Deeds in this State, a copy of these resolutions immediately.

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Register of Deeds