

NUMBER IV.

February 11, 1865.

Joint Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their endeavors to obtain a grant of land to aid in the construction of a ship canal across the portage which divides the waters of Lake Superior from Portage Lake.

To obtain a grant of land to aid in the construction of a ship canal.

Resolved, That our Representatives and Senators in Congress are hereby requested to use their endeavors to obtain from the United States a grant of land to aid in the construction of a ship canal, from Lake Superior, through the isthmus or neck of land known as the portage, which divides the waters of Lake Superior from Portage Lake.

Approved February 11, 1865.

NUMBER V.

January 27, 1865.

Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, for additional relief to the sufferers from the Sioux Indian war of eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Preamble.

Whereas, It appears from the report of the commissioners, appointed under the act of Congress, entitled "An act for the relief of persons for damages sustained by reason of depredations and injuries by certain bands of Sioux Indians, approved February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," that many

persons, entitled to the relief contemplated by said act, were not able to prove their claims on account of their absence from this State, either as soldiers in the United States service, or as refugees; and that in other instances no sufficient evidence could be introduced, on account of the limited time in which said commissioners had to perform their labors under said act; and

Preamble.

Whereas, Said act does not contain any sufficient provisions, whereby any errors committed by said commissioners in auditing and determining the claims, can be properly reviewed and corrected; whereby many persons, without their fault, have been deprived of the benefit contemplated by said act: Now therefore be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives be requested to use their best endeavors to secure the passage of an act of Congress for the appointment of other commissioners, with full power to hear and to determine all such claims which might have been presented to and decided by the first mentioned commissioners; and also to review, hear additional testimony and make new decisions in all such claims, which having been decided by the first mentioned commissioners, may be brought before them by the aggrieved parties by way of appeal.

For additional relief to the sufferers from the Sioux Indian war.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved January 27, 1865.