

NUMBER II.

February 27, 1867

A Joint Resolution relative to the return of certain cases of cancelled homestead entries.

Premise

Whereas, Since the first day of January 1867 certain homestead entries have been cancelled by the commissioner of the general land office, for the reason that the tract or tracts of land or lands embraced in said entries have been declared to be "appropriated lands" and not subject to entry and,

Whereas, The commissioner of the general land office has decided that there is no provision in law which will authorize the refunding of fees paid in connection with such entries, therefore be it,

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota

Senators and representatives to use exertions to have fees returned.

That our senators and representatives in congress do be, and they are hereby requested to secure legislation on the part of congress as will authorize the return of fees paid by such settlers.

Approved February 27, 1867.

NUMBER III.

March 9, 1867

A Joint Resolution in relation to the repeal of certain revenue laws, requiring a duty on live stock imported into the State from the Red River Settlement.

Whereas, There have, for the last three years

orted from St Cloud to Fort Geary and vicinity
 undred and fifty tons of freight annually, and
 increase of settlements and population, such
 be confidently looked for the next ten years,
 must be a vast increase in the amount to be
 orted.

Preamble

whereas, This transportation is done, in the
 part, by teams from the Red River country, oxen
 ies drawing single carts, because it is found
 y can better withstand the myriads of insects,
 ats and mosquitoes along the Red River Valley,
 oxen and horses reared in the older settlements
 astern and southern portions of the state can-
 ure them. These oxen and ponies are also ac-
 d to hunt and find their own living in' the
 season and through much of the winter season.

whereas, On each pony and ox used in drawing
 arts, their owners must pay at the office of col-
 f customs one half dollar in coin, and must
 nds for the safe return beyond the lines, of
 ock and carts. The giving of these bonds is
 e of great delay and annoyance, and in many
 s the freighters are poor men and are unable
 bonds, which is a hardship.

as, The United States have advertised for
 s "for the transportation of 1,750 tons of
 on route No. 4," in their advertisement of Jan-
 e 15th, 1867, and the letting took place Febru-
 e 1867, this transportation alone will require two
 d yoke of cattle. It will at once be seen that
 create a demand which cannot be supplied from
 rces for working oxen and ponies from the
 er settlements.

whereas, It is represented from most reliable
 that the emigration this season from (the) Red
 tlements, in British Columbia, to the Red
 d Shayenne Valleys and the Otter Tail coun-
 ell as the mining regions west, will be very
 Much of this emigration will be much impeded
 verished by the duty on live stock; instead
 bstacle to such emigration the policy of the
 ent should be to encourage it, especially on
 tier, which has had so much discouragement
 ay of its advancement. It will be remember-

ed that in case of importation of live stock *capita* of fifty cents is added to the impost of five per cent. ad valorem, which, on a pair of oxen, say one hundred dollars, makes the whole twenty-one dollars in coin. This is onerous to the people and destructive to their interest, therefore

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota

Senators and representatives to use efforts to have live stock exempt from duty

That our senators and representatives are requested to use their efforts to procure the passage of a law exempting from duty all live stock coming into the state from the Red River settlements, so that the same may be admitted free of duty.

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NUMBER IV.

March 9, 1867

Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, relative to the Northern Pacific Railroad

Preamble

Whereas, The construction (of a railroad) from the head of Lake Superior to the Pacific ocean, by the northern route, is an enterprise of the first importance, not only to the State of Minnesota, but to the whole country, the great lakes with their water courses affording navigation half way across the continent.

And whereas, Also the construction of a railroad from the Falls of St. Anthony to a point of connection with the Northern Pacific Railroad on the line of the North would give an all-rail connection between Milwaukee, Chicago and the eastern cities, the most direct and favorable route to the Pacific shore,