

*Whereas*, It is believed by those who have given attention to and are thoroughly acquainted with the matter that a low water channel four feet deep can be opened at a comparatively small expense which would give a capacity for the transfer of commerce equal to that afforded by the Erie Canal, and

Preamble.

*Whereas*, The opening of this short and feasible channel of water communication between the Mississippi and the Great Lakes, would afford a great relief to the commerce and transportation of the states in the Upper Mississippi Valley; therefore

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That our senators and representatives in congress are hereby respectfully requested to lend their aid and influence to secure the favorable action of congress in granting the prayer of the memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, entitled "A memorial to congress in relation to the project of connecting by a navigable channel through the waters of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, the waters of the Mississippi with the waters of Lake Michigan."

Favorable action of Congress solicited for certain improvements.

Approved March 6, 1868.

#### NUMBER IV.

*Joint Resolution relative to the Survey of Lands in the Red River Valley.*

February 27, 1868

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That our senators and representatives in congress are hereby respectfully requested to use their influences in securing the favorable action of congress upon a memorial of the legislature of Dacotah Territory, relative to the

Action of Congress solicited relative to survey of United States lands.

survey of United States lands in the Red River Valley, approved January seventh (7), eighteen hundred and sixty-eight (1868).

Approved February 27, 1868.

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NUMRER V.

February 29, 1868

*Joint Resolution relative to the establishment of a United States Land Office in the Red River Valley.*

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

Action of Congress solicited for the establishment of a land office.

That our senators and representatives in congress are respectfully requested to use their influence in securing the favorable action of congress upon a memorial of the legislature of Dakota Territory, relative to the establishment of a United States land office in the Valley of the Red River of the north, approved December thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

Approved February 29, 1868.