

NUMBER V.

March 1, 1870.*Preamble and Joint Resolution relative to the Sioux Indians.*

Whereas, By the treaty with the Sissiton and Warpeton Sioux, held and concluded at Washington City, on the nineteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, provision was made for the location on the Lake Traverse reservation of such persons of those bands, as had not participated in the outbreak in one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and were believed to be reliable in their professions of friendship for the whites, having served under the government against the guilty portion of the Sioux bands:

Preambles.

And whereas, A reservation at Devil's Lake, far from any white settlement was provided by the same treaty for such of said band as had not up to the time of making said treaty, surrendered to the authorities of the government when they should so surrender to said authorities:

And whereas, It is understood that a number of those who participated in the outbreak of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, have since surrendered themselves to the proper authorities, some of whom have come to the Lake Traverse reservation, where they have located, contrary to the intent and meaning of said treaty:

And whereas, Said Indians are deemed unreliable, and may at any time renew in the settlements upon our extreme frontier, the horrors perpetrated by them in one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two; they should at once be removed to their proper reservation as a precautionary measure for the safety of the frontier settlements, and as a matter of justice to the Indians who properly belong to the Lake Traverse reservation, as in case of any hostile demonstrations on the part of those Indians from Devil's Lake, they (the Lake Traverse Indians) would as resulted from the former outbreak, be subjected to undeserved punishment because members of the same band as

those actually committing the outrages upon the whites; therefore

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota:

That the secretary of the interior be, and he hereby is respectfully and urgently requested to give such instructions as will cause all Indians not authorized by said treaty of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, who remain on said Lake Traverse reservation, to be removed therefrom to their proper reservation, and to prevent all Indians other than those authorized by said treaty to locate on said Lake Traverse reservation from being harbored or permitted to remain on said reservation in the future.

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Resolved, That the senators and representatives in congress from the state of Minnesota, be and they hereby are requested to exert their influence with the proper officers of the interior department to secure the issue of the necessary instructions to secure the object above set forth.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions and preamble be forwarded by the secretary of state to the secretary of the interior of the United States, and to each of the senators and representatives in congress from this state.

Approved March 1, 1870.

NUMBER VI.

Joint Resolution relative to the extinction of the Indian Title to the lands adjoining the Bois des Sioux and Red Rivers.

March 7, 1870.

Whereas, The completion of the main line of the Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad to the Bois des Sioux River in June next will cause the extension of the settlements to the country west of that river, and along the fertile valleys of