

## NUMBER VII.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO SECURE AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE UNITED STATES TO REIMBURSE THE STATE OF MINNESOTA FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE CAPTURE AND TRIAL OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS WHO MURDERED THE COOK FAMILY.

Be it resolved by the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, (the senate concurring), That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use all honorable means in their power to secure an appropriation from the United States to reimburse the state of Minnesota for expenses incurred in the capture and trial of the Chippewa Indians who murdered the Cook family in Becker county in this state, and that the secretary of state forward to our senators and representatives in congress copies of this resolution, together with itemized accounts of expenditures incurred by this state in the capture and trial of said Indians.

Approved February 21, 1873.

## NUMBER VIII.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVING THE NAVIGATION OF THE RIVER SAINT CROIX AND LAKE.

WHEREAS, The St. Croix river and lake form a continuous navigable stream from the Falls of St. Croix in the state of Wisconsin to the city of Prescott in said state, where the said Lake St. Croix empties into the Mississippi river: That said St. Croix river and lake form the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and the unobstructed navigation of said lake and river is of great importance to the inhabitants of both of said states, and absolutely necessary to the agricultural and lumbering interests of the several counties bordering on said lake and river, and that rail-

way connections with the navigation at the city of Hudson in the state of Wisconsin, and at the city of Stillwater in the state of Minnesota, render free navigation of said lake and river, of great importance to the general commercial interests of the people of both states of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

WHEREAS, There are obstructions to the free navigation of said river and lake, consisting of a sand-bar in said lake near the village of Afton in said state of Minnesota, and a sand-bar in said lake known as Willow River bar near the city of Hudson in the state of Wisconsin; and that the obstructions to the free navigation of said river consist of snags in, and trees leaning over the water in the bends of said river; also, abandoned piers sunk in the channel of said river, as well as a number of sand-bars between the head of Lake St. Croix and the Falls of St. Croix in said river, as to make said river impassable for a large portion of the year, when the free navigation of said river is very desirable to a large population in the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, above the city of Stillwater, who have no other public facilities for transportation or travel than that offered by the said St. Croix river.

AND WHEREAS, Said obstruction to the free navigation of said river and lake can be removed at a small cost to the general government by the use of the dredge boat used in the removal of sand-bars in the Mississippi river, near the mouth of said Lake St. Croix, and by the use of the snag-boat employed for the purpose of removing snags on the upper Mississippi river.

*Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That the senators and representatives of this state in congress be requested to use their influence to secure, at the present session of congress, such legislation as will provide for the improvement of the navigation of said St. Croix river and lake at as early a day as may be practicable.

Approved February 21, 1873.

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## NUMBER IX.

JOINT RESOLUTION FOR A MAIL ROUTE WITH SEMI-WEEKLY MAIL SERVICE, FROM MONTICELLO, IN WRIGHT COUNTY, TO PRINCETON, IN MILLE LACS COUNTY.