

## NUMBER V.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVING THE NAVIGATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

WHEREAS, By reason of sand-bars in the Mississippi river at St. Paul, Minnesota, the navigation of said river is entirely obstructed on the west side of said river, making it impossible for steamboats to land and communicate with the carrying trade of the rich country adjacent and tributary; and,

WHEREAS, The interests of commerce and agriculture require that the river at this great centre of the commerce of the northwest should be made available to connect with all the railroad system of the state centering at this point, on both sides of the river; and,

WHEREAS, The said obstruction to the free navigation of the river can be removed at a small cost to the general government, by the use of the dredge boat used in removal of said [sand] bars from said 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 and are hereby 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 river at Saint Paul, at as early a date as may be practicable.

Approved February 12, 1875.

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 NUMBER VI.

JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MINNESOTA RIVER.

WHEREAS, The practicability and feasibility of improving the navigation of the Minnesota river is clearly shown and demonstrated by the surveys thereof made by the war department, by a system of locks and dams, whereby permanent navigation of said river during the season thereof can be secured, to the great relief of the grain producing interests of this state, therefore,

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

That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives therein be requested to use their influence in behalf of legislation favorable to the improvement of the Minnesota river by a system of dams and locks whereby permanent navigation of said river may be obtained during the season of navigation in said state of Minnesota.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state forward a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and members of congress.

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NUMBER VII.

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS FOR A BOUNTY TO THE FIRST REGIMENT MINNESOTA MOUNTED RANGERS.

WHEREAS, The First Regiment of Minnesota Mounted Rangers was organized and raised in the state of Minnesota by authority of the president of the United States, and mustered into the service of the United States, and performed every duty imposed on it by the proper authorities until duly mustered out of the service of the United States, and

WHEREAS, during the time of enlistment of recruits for said organization, and as an inducement to enlistment, promises were made by our state authorities that a bounty would be paid by the general government to each and every member of said regiment, and no such bounty or bounties having been granted to said regiment; therefore

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

That the congress of the United States is hereby respectfully asked for a bounty to the members of the First Regiment of Minnesota Mounted Rangers, said bounty to be as congress in its wisdom may determine, and the senators and members of congress from this state are hereby requested to use all honorable means to procure said bounty; and the secretary of state is hereby requested to send to our senators and representatives in congress official copies of this joint resolution, and also one copy each to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives at Washington.

Approved February 24, 1875.