

## NUMBER XXIII.

## A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO PATENT RIGHTS.

WHEREAS, The patent laws, of the United States have been so devised and construed as to shield and protect great and oppressive monopolies and to encourage gigantic speculations for the benefit of a few, at the expense of the people, while they are totally inadequate to secure to inventors adequate compensation for their inventions; therefore

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

That the senators from this state in congress are instructed and the representatives are requested to use their earnest efforts to secure such amendments to said laws as will provide:

1. That any person may use any patented invention upon executing a bond an such sum and with such security as the circuit court of the United States for the district in which such use is to be made, shall direct and approve, conditioned that he will pay to the owners of such invention a proper license fee for the use of the same; which bond shall be filed in the office of the clerk of said court.

2. That in all cases the measure of the license fee shall be such sum as will give the inventor reasonable compensation for his time, labor, ingenuity and expense, which sum shall in no case exceed the fee fixed for such use in contracts made by the inventor or owner, and such license fee shall be the measure of damages in all actions and proceedings for the infringement of patents, and no other recovery for damages or profits shall be allowed.

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## NUMBER XXIV.

## A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS ASKING AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE AT FORT SNELLING.

WHEREAS, The Mississippi river at and near Fort Snelling can only be crossed upon the ice in extreme cold weather and at other seasons of the year by means of a common ferry boat, which by reason of the precipitous and high bluffs on each side of the river is difficult and dangerous of approach and that by reason thereof supplies for the fort, are with