

NUMBER XXXI.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO SECURE THE PASSAGE OF AN ACT FOR THE EXTENSION OF TIME TO SETTLERS UNDER THE TIMBER CULTURE ACT OF CONGRESS, WHOSE TREES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY GRASSHOPPERS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION I. Whereas, many of the claimants of public lands under the timber culture act of congress have suffered the destruction of their trees planted under the requirements of said act, and need an extension of time in which to re-plant and fulfill the conditions of the law; now, therefore

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

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to introduce and secure the passage of an act for the relief of this class of frontier settlers, to the end that under proper regulations of the U. S. land office, they may have one year in addition to the time allowed under the existing law in which to perfect their rights to their respective claims.

Resolved, further, That the secretary of state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 2nd A. D. 1876.

NUMBER XXXII.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS ASKING EXTENSION OF THE GRANT OF THE HASTINGS AND DAKOTA RAILWAY.

To the Congress of the United States:

Your memorialists, the legislature of the state of Minnesota, represent that the United States by an act approved July 4, 1866, granted to this state certain public lands in aid of the construction of a line of railroad, from the Mississippi River at Hastings to Big Stone Lake in this state.

That said grant of lands was thereupon conferred upon the Hastings and Dakota and Red River of the North Railroad Company with certain

conditions of forfeiture to this state in case of non-construction and that thereupon said line of railroad was duly surveyed and located, the larger portion of which then passed through an entirely unsettled country.

That thereupon on the faith of said grant, the unsettled portions of said line for over a hundred miles has been largely settled and improved by persons who have purchased the even numbered sections at double minimum prices upon the faith of said grants.

That owing to financial embarrassment and other causes, said company has only been able to construct and operate seventy-five miles of said road, extending from Hastings to Glencoe, McLeod county, and that in consequence of the non-performance of conditions precedent by said company, this state is about to become invested with the title of said lands pertaining to the uncompleted portions of said road, in trust for the purposes in said act of congress named, and that if said grant is extended to the state, this state will be able to secure the speedy construction of said entire line of railroad and thereby meet the just expectations of the settlers, who have purchased said even numbered sections and afford to the people of the counties of Renville, Chippewa, Swift and Big Stone, the means of transportation for the large and increasing products of their industry.

Wherefore, Your memorialists respectfully urge upon congress an extension of said grant for six years to this state and not to such defaulting company, or any other railroad company, to the end that the speedy construction of said entire line of road may be assured, and we hereby urgently request our senators and representatives in congress, under no circumstances to permit any extension of said grant to be made, which does not vest the same in the state of Minnesota with full authority to convey the same to such company as it may see fit, subject to such conditions as it may desire to impose, and the governor of the state shall forward copies of this memorial to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 1, A. D. 1876.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }
SAINT PAUL, Mar. 12, 1876.

I hereby certify that the foregoing laws and joint resolutions have been carefully compared with the originals on file in this office, and that the same are true and correct copies thereof.

J. S. IRGENS,
Secretary of State.