

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 January 31, 1877.

NUMBER 17.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTING MINNESOTA IN CONGRESS, TO USE THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE PENSIONS TO THE SOLDIERS OF THE MEXICAN WAR.

WHEREAS, The treatment which the survivors of the war of the revolution and of the war for the suppression of the rebellion have received at the hands of our country, shows that republics are not always ungrateful; and,

WHEREAS, The surviving brave men who took part in the Mexican war are equally entitled to the grateful remembrance of their country;

Be it Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and they are hereby requested to use their best efforts to secure such legislation as shall accomplish this just measure.

And be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby instructed to forward a copy of these joint resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved February 1, 1877.