

## NUMBER 18.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE NAVIGATION OF THE RED RIVER OF THE NORTH.

WHEREAS, Government surveys have demonstrated that the navigation of the Red River of the North may be so improved by a proper system of locks and dams at Goose Rapids, that steamboats may ply during the entire boating season between Moorhead and intermediate points in Minnesota and Dakota, and Winnipeg in the Province of Manitoba; and,

WHEREAS, A vast and rapidly increasing commerce is maintained on said river, between the people of the United States and of said Province; and,

WHEREAS, The commercial interests of said State, Territory, and Province imperatively demand increased carrying facilities, and cheaper modes of transportation; therefore,

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

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their influence to secure such legislation as will provide for the improvement of the Red River of the North at Goose Rapids, and other points indicated in the survey thereof, by a system of locks and dams, sufficient to maintain the permanent navigation of said river.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved February 2, 1877.

## NUMBER 19.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR NATIONAL CONGRESS, TO PASS SENATE FILE No. 547, A BILL FOR THE RELIEF OF CERTAIN SETTLERS ON ODD NUMBERED SECTIONS.

WHEREAS, An act of Congress, approved June twenty-second (22d), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four (1874), granting rights to

settlers on odd numbered sections within the limits of the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, Brainerd and St. Vincent extensions or branches, has been held to be inoperative by the Secretary of the Interior;

AND WHEREAS, A large number of worthy and needy settlers are thus rendered virtually homeless, who are citizens of Minnesota;

AND WHEREAS, The Senate of the United States, on the thirtieth (30th) day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six (1876), passed Senate File No. 547, a bill for the relief of all settlers along said extensions, which is now pending before the House of Representatives; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota:*

That the passage of said Senate File No. 547, for the protection of actual settlers opposite the said branch lines of road, is hereby urgently requested.

*Resolved further,* That the Secretary of State shall immediately forward copies of these resolutions to Senators and Representatives in Congress, and one copy to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved January 19, 1877.

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### NUMBER 20.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM MINNESOTA, IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO SECURE, IF POSSIBLE, SUCH LEGISLATION AS WILL APPROPRIATE THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALES OF [THE] PUBLIC LANDS IN THE SEVERAL STATES AFFLICTED WITH GRASSHOPPERS, TO THOSE STATES, TO BE USED IN THE PAYMENT OF BOUNTIES FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF SUCH GRASSHOPPERS.

WHEREAS, it appears that a region of country extending from the northern boundary line of the United States to the State of Texas, including the States of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas, Nevada, Colorado, and Texas; and the Territories of Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, &c., have been for some time past more or less infested with grasshoppers, and that the soil of that immense region is now largely stocked with the eggs of this pernicious insect, which the warmth of the coming spring will hatch out in innumerable swarms to desolate the land;

AND WHEREAS, this great pest seems to be insensible to all climatic influences, and to thrive as well on the plains of Manitoba as on the