

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

NUMBER 1.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS ASKING FOR THE RELIEF OF CERTAIN
SETTLERS ON RAILROAD LANDS IN THE TOWN OF BIRCH COOLEY, IN
RENVILLE COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

[To the Congress of the United States:]

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represents that certain persons, residents of Birch Cooley, in the county of Renville and State of Minnesota, aforesaid, in good faith settled and filed upon certain odd sections of government land in said town previous to the grant of land by congress to the Hastings & Dakota Railway company, and have made valuable improvements thereon, and were for a long time actual settlers on said lands; but that through certain irregularities on their part the said lands were by the local United States Land Office declared not to have been properly entered by said persons, and the title thereto was by said land office declared to be in said railroad company by virtue of the grant to it by congress, whereby great injustice has been done to said settlers.

That said railway company has failed to build their road within the time required by the act of congress granting said lands, and is now in default; and that said railway company is now asking an extension of time within which to complete the said road, which extension can only be granted by congress.

Therefore your memorialists pray that as a condition to the extension of time asked for as aforesaid, the said railway company be required to release all claim to the said lands so as aforesaid occupied by said settlers in the said town of Birch Cooley.

Approved February 21, 1879.