

NUMBER 8.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WESTERN CHANNEL OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT ST. PAUL.

WHEREAS, By reason of sand bars in the Mississippi River at Saint Paul, Minnesota, the navigation of said river is entirely obstructed on the west side of said river, making it impossible for steamboats to land and communicate with the carrying trade of the rich country adjacent and tributary, and

WHEREAS, The interest of commerce and agriculture require that the river at this great centre of the commerce of the northwest should be made available to connect with all the railroad system of the State centering at this point, on both sides of the river; and,

WHEREAS, The said obstruction to the free navigation of the river can be removed at a small cost to the general government by the use of the dredge boat used in moving sand bars from said river; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress be and are hereby requested to use their influence to secure at the present or subsequent session of Congress an appropriation of twenty-five dollars (\$25,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to provide for the improvement named at as early a date as may be practicable.

Approved February 18, 1879.

NUMBER 9.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MINNESOTA RIVER.

WHEREAS, The best means of enhancing the market value of our exports, and reducing the cost of imports, is the improving of our water courses; and,

WHEREAS, The Minnesota river, with a comparatively small expense, may be made to afford a greater mileage of navigable water than all the other streams in the State of Minnesota combined; and,

WHEREAS, The general government, with a view to the improvement of said Minnesota river, has caused several surveys to be made showing the practicability with a moderate expense, of very much improving the navigability of said river, especially by improving the Little Rapids, about thirty miles from its mouth, and by cutting through several narrow peninsulas formed by sharp bends in said river where sandbars now form; therefore,

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

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby requested to use their influence to secure such appropriation as may secure the improvements indicated in this resolution.

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

Approved February 14th, 1879.