

## NUMBER 5.

*Joint resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate certain frauds upon the state, in relation to the sale of the public lands of the state.*

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

SECTION 1. That three members of the senate, to be appointed by the president thereof, and four members of the house, to be appointed by the speaker thereof, be and are hereby appointed and created a committee to sit during the recess of the present legislature to inquire into any and all frauds that may have been committed at any time in any part of the state by which the public land owned by the state, known as school lands, university lands, internal improvement lands, and any other lands that are known to have been heretofore the property of the state, have been despoiled of their timber by open robbery or undervaluation of their value, or by any other means; or whereby any real or personal property in this state has escaped its just share of taxation.

SEC. 2. The said committee and every member thereof is hereby authorized and empowered to send for persons and papers, administer oaths, employ a stenographer and hear and report testimony. The said committee in its collective capacity shall have the right to elect a clerk and appoint one or more experts to examine lands now or heretofore the property of the state. The individual members of such committee shall have the right to visit different parts of the state and collect testimony as to the matter referred to them by this resolution, and report the same to the committee in its collective capacity, who shall submit the same to the governor of the state. They shall also have power, upon consultation with the governor and attorney general, to order the institution of proceedings against any parties who in their judgment have defrauded the state in any transaction as to such lands; and in all such proceedings the attorney general shall appear as attorney for the state, assisted by not more than two attorneys, to be selected by said committee. The said committee shall have the right to elect a sergeant-at-arms, who is hereby authorized to serve all subpoenas for said committee or for any member of the same, acting in his individual capacity as a member of said committee, the said subpoenas to be issued in the name of the state of Minnesota, and signed by the chairman of the committee, attested by the secretary thereof.

SEC. 3. Each member of said committee shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of five dollars per day for the time actually spent, and actual expenses, by warrants drawn by the state auditor upon the treasurer on vouchers attested by the chairman of the committee and signed by the governor. The secretary of the said committee shall receive three dollars per day for the time actually spent, and his actual expenses, by him in the work of the committee; the stenographer or stenographers shall be paid not to exceed five dollars per day, and his or their expenses. The experts to examine lands shall be paid not to exceed three dollars per day and expenses. The report of the committee shall be made to the governor before the first day of January, 1895.

SEC. 4. For the purpose of carrying into effect the purposes of this joint resolution, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid as provided in section three of this joint resolution, and for the purpose of having an examination made of the school lands containing pine timber or which have heretofore contained such timber, the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated, to be paid upon the order of the governor of this state, to agents to be employed by him and under his direction, to make actual inspection of the amount of timber on the said school sections, and the value thereof, and report to the governor, who shall present the facts so collected to the state legislature at the opening of its next session.

SEC. 5. This joint resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1893.

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#### NUMBER 6.

*Joint memorial to the senate and house of representatives of the United States.*

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

Whereas, the prevalence, during the year 1892, of the Asiatic cholera, in some of the principal maritime ports and interior cities of Europe and Asia, and its importation during the autumn into the harbor of New York city, by vessels sailing from such ports, and the recurrence of cases at frequent intervals since, in many of the foreign cities, gives sufficient grounds for apprehension that our country will suffer an invasion of the dread disease, unless the most severe and stringent measures are adopted to protect our ports by all possible safeguards.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the legislature of Minnesota hereby memorialize the senate and the house of representatives of the United States, to exercise the power conferred upon them by the constitution, "to regulate commerce with foreign nations," and enact the necessary legislation, to establish with all practicable haste a national system of quarantine at all ports of the United States, whereby uniform and effective regulations may be enforced, to exclude all vessels, persons and merchandise likely to introduce the cholera, or any other infectious disease, into our country.

Approved Jan. 21, 1893.