

five hundred and eighty-one (1581), one thousand five hundred and eighty-two (1582), seven hundred and ten (710), seven hundred and eleven (711) and two hundred and eighty-six (286). That the same shall be destroyed in the presence of the State Auditing Board, in the same manner as other State bonds that have been paid; and the same evidence of the cancellation and destruction of said bonds shall be filed as is now required by law as the practice of the department in case of other bonds.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March, 5, 1881.

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### NUMBER 11.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO SUPPORT A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT LAWS.

THAT WHEREAS, the people in large portions of the State of Minnesota are compelled to use what is known as the driven well in obtaining water on their lands, and barbed wire fencing in enclosing their lands, and,

WHEREAS, the settlement of this State and development of its resources would be very materially retarded if such means of improvement were withheld from the people, and,

WHEREAS, said driven well and barbed wire fencing is claimed to be covered by letters patent of the United States, the validity of which is disputed, and,

WHEREAS, it is impossible for our people to determine the validity of the various claims for royalty made and threatened to be made against them for the use of said driven well and barbed wire fencing, therefore,

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

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to use their utmost effort to secure the passage of the bill now understood to be pending in Congress for the protection of innocent purchasers of patented articles and especially to see that our people are relieved from liability to claims of patentees whose rights cannot be determined, and be it further *resolved*, that the Secretary of State upon the passage of this resolution, forward to each of our Senators and Representatives a certified copy of the same.

Approved March 3, 1881.

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### NUMBER 12.

*A Memorial to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:*

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, would most respectfully represent, that

WHEREAS, the United States Corps of Engineers, under the direction of the War Department, acting by authority of Congress, after full and complete surveys being made by them, have demonstrated not only the feasibility of constructing reservoirs on the head waters of the Mississippi river and its tributaries, but the great practical utility thereof in the interest of navigation, during the period of low water in the autumn months; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent demand made by the people of the entire Mississippi Valley for the thorough improvement of the river throughout its whole length, to the end that it may be made the People's Highway to the markets of the world, free from tolls or the dictation of corporate monopolies, who combine to oppress alike producers and consumers.

And believing that the construction of such reservoirs as have been recommended by such able engineers as General Warren, Col. Farquhar and Major Allen, endorsed by General Humphreys and General Wright, and recommended by the War Department, will prove a great factor in solving the navigation question favorably, therefore, we would most respectfully and earnestly request that you make such appropriations as may be necessary for their speedy construction under the direction of the War Department.

Approved February 2d, 1881.

## NUMBER 13.

### MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

WHEREAS, John M. Broome, now of Mankato, in the State of Minnesota, on the third (3d) day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), duly enlisted in the Twelfth (12th) Kentucky Infantry (Union army) Volunteers, as a leader of a regimental band, and served as such until September tenth (10th) A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), when all regimental bands were discharged by general orders; and,

WHEREAS, Said John M. Broome was injured by a rupture while in such military service, and in the line of duty, but that by reason of the regimental surgeon not having kept a record of such disability, he is unable to obtain a pension, as he otherwise would be entitled to receive by reason of such disability, which he claims is permanent.

*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 for the passage of a law granting a pension to said John M. Broome, or that he be allowed a pension upon the proof already furnished or which he may furnish respecting such disability.