

the river, is abundant and complete and conclusive—letters to that effect from every interest benefitted by such improvements being on file in the Engineers department. One branch of the system of improvements adopted is the construction of sheer-booms at the several bridges which span the river. The steamboat and raft interest unite in recommending the construction of such booms, believing with the Engineers that such works would render the passage of boats through the draws safe at all times, night and day, and in stormy weather, a condition absolutely essential to the safe and speedy navigation of the river. This subject received the attention of Congress as expressed in an act passed March 3, 1875, entitled "An act for the further security of navigation on the Mississippi river," which act directed the Secretary of War to enquire into the expediency of causing sheer-booms to be placed on the upper end of all or any bridge-piers on the Mississippi river, for the better security and convenience of the navigation of said river. The Board of Engineers reported favoring the construction of such booms, and recommended in a specific manner the conditions they should fulfill. Your memorialists petition your honorable body to appropriate from the treasury of the United States the further sum of \$100,000 to construct said sheer-booms, that sum, in the opinion of the Government Engineers, being requisite and sufficient to make the improvement suggested by them.

The great and rapidly growing interests involved in the improvement of the Mississippi river are so manifest that statistics showing the probable amount of business that would be done on the river when the improvements now set on foot shall be completed, are no longer necessary to convince the Government that the work undertaken should be carried forward with the utmost speed, in order that the benefits to be derived therefrom should be obtainable at the earliest moment.

And your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Approved February 5th, 1881.

NUMBER 2.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FOR THE PAYMENT OF BOUNTY TO MEMBERS OF THE FIRST (1st) MINNESOTA CAVALRY COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FIRST (1st) MINNESOTA MOUNTED RANGERS.

WHEREAS, The First (1st) Minnesota Cavalry, commonly called the First (1st) Minnesota Mounted Rangers, rendered important and valuable services to the country for a period of one year, extending from November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), to November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three (1863), in a severe and arduous Indian war; and

WHEREAS, Many of them are poor and deserving, and have never received the full reward earned by their patriotic services,

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress, be and are hereby requested to use their influence to secure early legislation in Congress as may provide for the payment of a reasonable bounty to the members of said Minnesota Rangers.

Approved February 18, A. D. 1881.

NUMBER 3.

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 navigation on the Red River of the North may be so improved by locks and dams that steamboats of large size may ply thereon between Moorhead and Winnepeg during the entire boating season : and,

WHEREAS, The rapidly increasing inter-state and international commerce on said river requires additional facilities for cheap transportation : 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 an appropriation for the construction of locks and dams at Goose Rapids, on said Red River, sufficient to maintain the permanent and successful navigation of said river.

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

Approved January 28, A. D. 1881.

NUMBER 4.

A MEMORIAL TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represent that under the existing Pension Law, there is believed to be several hundred citizens of this State and thousands throughout the