

## NUMBER 6.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LEVEE AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER OPPOSITE SAINT PAUL, IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

*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 to your honorable body, that a large portion of the land which was formerly the bed of the Mississippi river, opposite the city of Saint Paul, in the State of Minnesota, is low and subject to be overflowed at stages of high water of said river.

That said low land is fast settling up by actual residents belonging to the industrial class, who have built thereon dwelling houses, stores, school houses, &c., in fact all their worldly possessions are there.

That in June of last year (1880) the Mississippi river overflowed said land to a depth of two (2) feet, surrounding and flooding the dwelling houses and other buildings, causing great distress and injury to persons and property, and from present indications there is great probability of a like calamity happening this year, to prevent which, and to protect in the future the lives, health and property of this meritorious class of citizens, your memorialists respectfully ask for an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the construction of a levee on the west bank of the Mississippi river, opposite the city of St. Paul, which will aid the improvement of the navigation of said river, and prevent the future overflow by high water of the homes of these now defenceless settlers.

Approved February 10, A. D. 1881.

## NUMBER 7.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ASKING CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO IMPROVE THE HARBOR AT DULUTH.

WHEREAS, Duluth furnishes the only harbor of refuge now accessible within eighty miles of the head of Lake Superior, or within more than two hundred miles on the north shore thereof.

AND WHEREAS, The improvement of Grand Marais as a harbor of refuge has been commenced but is still incomplete.

AND WHEREAS, To accommodate the deeper draft vessels that will pass into Lake Superior on the opening of the new Sault Canal, which will occur during the coming season of navigation, it will be necessary to dredge deeper the whole harbor of Duluth.

AND WHEREAS, The rapidly increasing commerce of Duluth has created a present urgent necessity for more room for the safe anchorage of fleets of vessels liable to be driven in by storms and for the convenient handling of freight, therefore,

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

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and are hereby requested, if possible to secure at the present session of Congress an appropriation for the harbor of Duluth of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), and an appropriation of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the harbor of Grand Marais.

That a copy of this joint resolution be forwarded to our Representatives and Senators in Congress forthwith.

Approved February 12, 1881.

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### NUMBER 8.

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 urge the passage of the bill introduced by Mr. Keefer in the House of Representatives, granting pensions to certain Union soldiers and sailors of the late war of the Rebellion who were confined in the so-called Confederate Prisons.

Approved March 3, 1881.

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### NUMBER 9.

A JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO HAVE FILED UPON HOMESTEADS ON THE WESTERN PRAIRIES.

WHEREAS, Many citizens of the United States, during the months of September and October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880), made homestead filings upon lands on our western prairies, under the acts of Congress granting homesteads to actual settlers; and