

Douglass county was started and principally settled by citizens of the state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, While it may possibly be true, that Douglass county was settled by citizens of Minnesota, it is undoubtedly also true that a considerable portion of the state of Minnesota was settled by citizens of the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, We see nothing in the above facts to justify the cession on the part of this state to the state of Minnesota, of a belt of territory embracing, as Douglass county does, one of the finest harbors on Lake Superior, and some of the richest mineral lands in that region, thereby reducing the shore line of the state of Wisconsin on Lake Superior to a small strip of about 60 miles in length: now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the assembly, the senate concurring, That we deem it inexpedient to cede any portion of our present territory to any other state, and consequently most respectfully decline to grant the prayer of said memorial.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be directed to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to the governor of the state of Minnesota.

Approved March 18, 1863.

NUMBER 4.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to adopting state flag.

The joint select committee to whom was referred joint resolution No. 27, senate, in relation to a state flag, beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the following be and is hereby adopted as the design for a state flag for the state of Wisconsin:

STATE FLAG.—To be of dark blue silk, with the arms of the state of Wisconsin painted or embroidered in silk on the obverse side, and the arms of the United States, as prescribed in paragraph 1435 of "new army regulations," painted or embroidered in silk on the reverse side; the name of the regiment, when used as a regimental flag, to be in a scroll beneath the state arms.

The size of the regimental colors to be six feet six inches fly, and six feet deep on the pike; the length of pike for said colors, including spear and ferule, to be 9 feet 10 inches; the fringe yellow, cords and tassels blue and white silk intermixed.

Approved March 25, 1863.