

NUMBER 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION recommending Colonels J. C. Starkweather and Geo. E. Bryant to promotion.

WHEREAS, The interests of the country and justice to our brave volunteers, alike demand a prompt recognition of meritorious services in the cause of our imperiled union; and

WHEREAS, Colonels John C. Starkweather and Geo. E. Bryant were among the first to respond to the first call of the president for volunteers from this state, and received the first commissions issued by the governor, and were the first to leave the state for the scene of action, and participated in the first conflict between the union forces and the rebels; and

WHEREAS, They have been repeatedly commended by their superior officers for their skill and bravery, and recently recommended for promotion by officers in command of the divisions to which they belong: therefore,

Resolved, by the assembly, the senate concurring, That we heartily recommend to the president the promotion of Colonels John C. Starkweather and Geo. E. Bryant to brigadier-generalships, for their long and meritorious services in the field.

Resolved, That the governor of this state cause a copy of this preamble and resolution to be immediately transmitted to the president and secretary of war.

Approved March 13, 1863.

NUMBER 3.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the cession of Douglass county to the state of Minnesota.

WHEREAS, A memorial of the legislature of the state of Minnesota, praying for the cession of the county of Douglass, in this state, to the state of Minnesota, has been laid before this legislature; and

WHEREAS, Said memorial prays for the appointment of commissioners by this body, to act in conjunction with commissioners to be appointed by the state of Minnesota, to locate the boundary line between the two states, along the waters of the upper St. Croix river and lake, and the Bois Brule river, to Lake Superior; and

WHEREAS, The said memorial, among other things, states that

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.