

## RESOLUTIONS.

### CHAPTER 134.

[H. B. No. 166.]

#### MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS IN RELATION TO MILITARY WOOD RESERVATION.

Joint Memorial of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota, to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, Asking that the United States Military Wood Reservation on Rock Island, (now a Peninsula), Ramsey County, North Dakota, be Donated to the State of North Dakota, for the Benefit and Use of the Militia of said State, to be Used for Encampment Grounds and Other Purposes.

*Be it Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

THAT the Honorable, the Congress of the United States, be respectfully requested to grant to the State of North Dakota, for the benefit of the militia of said State, that portion of the public domain known as the United States Military Wood Reservation, and situated or being on Rock Island, (now a peninsula) Ramsey county, North Dakota, or more particularly described as follows: That portion of township 153 north, of range 64, west of the fifth principal Meridian, State of North Dakota, bounded on the north by the north line of the United States Military Wood Reservation, and on the east, south and west sides by the north shore of Devils Lake, to be used as encamping grounds and for other purposes, to be defined by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State is requested to forward copies of this resolution to each of our Senators and Representative in Congress at as early a day as may be expedient.

Approved March 11, 1891.

## CHAPTER 135.

A JOINT MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FOR MAINTENANCE OF FORT  
TOTTEN MILITARY RESERVATION.

*To the Honorable, the Congress of the United States:*

THE people of the State of North Dakota in Legislative Assembly convened respectfully represent:

That the Military Reservation known as the Fort Totten Reservation, which has been abandoned as a military post by order of the War Department, is situate nearly in the center of the State north and south, and that it is essential to the peace and prosperity of the entire State that it should be maintained and supported as a military reservation with troops sufficient to afford at least moral assistance and material aid when any emergency arises, should be stationed there. That while there may exist no cause for alarm from Indians residing upon the reservation contiguous thereto, it should be borne in mind that across the boundary line, and not many miles distant, live the renegade "Sisseton" and their descendants, who participated in the massacre of the whites in '62 in Minnesota. That these Indians have persistently refused to acknowledge allegiance to the United States, and remain across the border as a standing menace to the peace and safety of all the settlers living in the north and northwestern portion of our State.

That in the judgment of your memorialists the maintenance of Fort Totten as a military post is essential to quiet the fears of the settlers in the sparsely settled northwest corner of the State, and as a restraining power upon the renegade Indians who have fled from the United States and sought the protection of the Queen's government.

Therefore, the people of the State of North Dakota, in Legislative Assembly convened, respectfully petition the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States, acting through the Secretary of War, to re-establish and maintain Fort Totten as a military post, with sufficient troops to assure the citizens of the State of North Dakota that they will be amply protected against any invasion from the Indians across the boundary line, as well as to assure them that the Indians now residing on the Fort Totten Reservation will continue and be required to maintain peaceful relations with all the people living contiguous to said reservation.

And the Congress of the United States is respectfully memorialized and petitioned to make a sufficient appropriation to maintain said post until such time as the people of the State of North Dakota become satisfied that their lives and property are not in

danger by any invasion from foreign Indians or by the Indians residing on such reservation, if such Indians should become turbulent and quarrelsome by reason of the absence of military power.

The present temper of the people of the State of North Dakota is such that they feel it to be absolutely necessary for their own welfare that this post should be maintained, and the troops that have been withdrawn therefrom should be sent back to the station, or such sufficient military force as will tend to allay existing fears.

That a copy of the foregoing Memorial signed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives and attested by the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, be sent to the honorable Senators Gilbert A. Pierce and Lyman R. Casey and to the honorable Representative H. C. Hansbrough.

That the honorable gentlemen above mentioned, representing this State in the Congress of the United States, be and are hereby respectfully requested to present the Memorial to their respective Houses and to urge the passage of an act of Congress in accordance therewith.