

RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS

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CHAPTER X.

JOINT RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE CONTEST BY J. B. S. TODD, OF THE SEAT OF WALTER A. BURLEIGH IN THE 39TH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AS DELEGATE FROM DAKOTA TERRITORY.

WHEREAS, J. B. S. Todd has without the slightest grounds for so doing, served a notice on Walter A. Burleigh, delegate elect to the 39th Congress of the United States, from Dakota territory, contesting his seat in that body, and

Joint resolution
relative to con-
test between J.
B. S. Todd and
Walter A. Bur-
leigh.

WHEREAS, The grounds set forth in the said notice are frivolous and false; and

Declaring no-
tice of contest
frivolous and
false.

WHEREAS, It is well known to the members of the Legislative Assembly of the territory of Dakota, now in session, (the popular branch of which was elected at the same time that the said Walter A. Burleigh was elected a delegate to the 39th Congress,) that the election was fairly and lawfully conducted in all the lawfully established precincts of said territory, and .

that to the knowledge of the members of this Legislative Assembly no undue or improper influences were employed by the said Burleigh or his friends at said election; and

Contest calculated to injure the territory.

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Legislative Assembly a contest of this kind when no possible grounds exists is well calculated to jeopardize the rights, interests and standing of the people of this territory, if not to seriously endanger our very existence as a territory; and,

WHEREAS, The said Walter A. Burleigh, is not as alleged by said Todd, a resident of an Indian Reservation, but on the contrary, is an actual and bona fide resident of Bon Homme county, in this territory, which is outside of any Indian Reservation, and on the ceded lands of said territory; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota, That the said J. B. S. Todd, contestant, has no adequate or just grounds upon which to base said contest, and is not entitled to, and should not receive from the Honorable members of Congress or the Administration that consideration which properly pertains to a contestant who has just and equitable grounds upon which to base a contest.

APPROVED, January 9, 1865.

CHAPTER XI.

JOINT RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ENROLLING CLERK FOR THE COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Be it resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota:

First—That the committee on enrollment of the House of Representatives, and the committee on engrossed and enrolled

bills of the Council be authorized and empowered to employ an enrolling clerk for their respective houses, at the rate of four dollars per day, payable in territorial warrants, the time of service of said clerks not to exceed fifteen days.

Appointment of enrolling clerk.

Second—That the territorial auditor is hereby authorized and instructed to issue to the persons so employed by the committee of the House and the committee of the Council, territorial warrants to the value of the amount of service so performed by said clerks, as shall be certified by said committees, and attested by the President of the Council, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives at the close of this session.

Territorial warrants.

APPROVED, December 28th, 1864.

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CHAPTER XII.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FOR A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE TERRITORY OF DAKOTA.

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled.

Your memorialists, the Legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, recognizing the liberal policy of the General Government respecting the new Territories, in developing their resources and promoting their settlement and prosperity, would most respectfully represent that a geological survey of their Territory would be of vast benefit to the same, and at the

Asking for a Geological survey of Dakota Territory.