

University of Oklahoma College of Law

University of Oklahoma College of Law Digital Commons

American Indian and Alaskan Native Documents in the Congressional Serial Set: 1817-1899

3-28-1870

Removal of Indians from Minnesota. Memorial of the Legislature of Minnesota relative to the removal of Indians from the frontier of said state.

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.law.ou.edu/indianserialset>



Part of the [Indigenous, Indian, and Aboriginal Law Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

H.R. Misc. Doc. No. 104, 41st Cong., 2nd Sess. (1870)

This House Miscellaneous Document is brought to you for free and open access by University of Oklahoma College of Law Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in American Indian and Alaskan Native Documents in the Congressional Serial Set: 1817-1899 by an authorized administrator of University of Oklahoma College of Law Digital Commons. For more information, please contact Law-LibraryDigitalCommons@ou.edu.

REMOVAL OF INDIANS FROM MINNESOTA.

MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF MINNESOTA

RELATIVE TO

The removal of Indians from the frontier of said State.

MARCH 28, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

A MEMORIAL asking for the removal of certain Indians from the frontier of the State.

Whereas by the treaty with the Sissiton and Warpeton Sioux, held and concluded at Washington City on the 19th day of February, 1867, provision was made for the location on the Lake Traverse reservation of such persons of those bands as had not participated in the outbreak of 1862, and were believed to be reliable in their professions of friendship for the whites, having served under the government against the guilty portion of the Sioux bands; and whereas a reservation at Devil's Lake, far from any white settlement, was provided by the same treaty for such of said bands as had not, up to the time of making said treaty, surrendered to the authorities of the government, when they should so surrender to said authorities; and whereas it is understood that a number of those who participated in the outbreak of 1862 have since surrendered themselves to the proper authorities, some of whom have come to the Lake Traverse reservation, where they have located contrary to the intent and meaning of said treaty; and whereas said Indians are deemed unreliable and may at any time renew, in the settlements upon our extreme frontier, the horrors perpetrated by them in 1862, they should at once be removed to their proper reservation, as a precautionary measure for the safety of the frontier settlements and as a matter of justice to the Indians who properly belong to the Lake Traverse reservation, as in case of any hostile demonstration on the part of those Indians from Devil's Lake, they (the Lake Traverse Indians) would, as resulted from the former outbreak, be subjected to undeserved punishment, because members of the same band as those actually committing the outrages upon the whites; therefore—

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the State of Minnesota, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, respectfully and urgently requested to give such instructions as will cause all Indians not authorized by said treaty of 1862, who remain on said Lake Traverse reservation, to be removed therefrom to their proper reserva-

tion, and to prevent all Indians other than those authorized by treaty to locate on the said Lake Traverse reservation from being harbored or permitted to remain on said reservation in the future.

Resolved, That the senators and representatives in Congress from State of Minnesota be, and they hereby are, requested to exert their influence with the proper officers of the Interior Department to see the issue of the necessary instructions to secure the object above forth.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions and preamble be forwarded by the secretary of state to the Secretary of the Interior of the United States and to each of the senators and representatives in Congress from this State.

JOHN L. MERRIAM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

WILLIAM H. YALE,
President of the Senate

Approved March 1, 1870.

HORACE AUSTIN,
Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original file in this office. Witness my hand and the great seal of State, this 7th day of March, A. D. 1870.

[SEAL.]

H. MATTSON,
Secretary of State