

JOURNAL
OF THE
EXTRA SESSION
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 27th, 1857.

Pursuant to a call of His Excellency, the late Governor W. A. Gorman, the House met in the Hall of the House of Representatives at St. Paul, Monday the 27th day of April, A. D. 1857, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Clerk called the roll, and the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Adams, Abbe, L. M. Brown, Berry, Baasen, Black, Case, Chase, Chamblin, Foster, Howell, King, Keith, Kingsbury, McVey, Murray, Stannard, Thompson, Troll, Whitlock, Wilson, and Mr. Speaker.

The Clerk reported a quorum present.

The Speaker then addressed the House as follows:

We have been unexpectedly called together in consequence of the granting by Congress of a munificent donation to the Territory, for the purpose of building Railroads, and however inconvenient it may be for many of us to meet at this time, it is a subject of great congratulation to the Territory. As subjects will come before us in which differences of opinion on questions of policy will arise, I hope that members will act together in a spirit of harmony making mutual concession, so that the business of the Session will be speedily accomplished.

I have taken the Chair upon the assumption that the officers of the regular Session, will be the officers of the Extra Session, and will continue to exercise the functions of the office until the House by resolution shall declare otherwise.

Upon motion of Mr. Berry, Mr. Charles Jewett came forward and pre-

sented his certificate of Election to the office of Representative, to fill the vacancy occurring in consequence of the resignation of Mr. Noble, and was sworn into office by the Speaker.

Mr. Murray moved that a Committee of two be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the House of Representatives is now ready to receive any communication that he may have to make.

The Resolution was adopted, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Murray and Whitlock, said Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Murray, Mr. A. P. Butler was chosen Messenger, pro-tem, and upon motion of Mr. Cae, Mr. Butler was sworn into office by the Speaker.

Mr. Gere moved that a Committee of two be appointed to inform the Council that the House is now permanently organized and ready to proceed to business.

The motion was adopted and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Gere and Adams, said Committee.

Mr. Murray from the Committee appointed to wait upon the Governor, reported that the Committee had performed the duty assigned them, and that the Governor would confer with the House to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, in writing.

Mr. Gere from the Committee appointed to wait upon the Council and inform them that the House was now permanently organized and ready to proceed with business, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

Upon leave granted, Mr. J. R. Brown introduced Joint Resolution No. 1, relative to the protection of white settlers on the southern frontier of Minnesota, which was read a first and second time.

Upon motion the rules were suspended, and the Resolution read a third time and passed.

Upon leave granted, Mr. Baasen introduced Bill No. 1, H. of R., an Act to accept the grant and execute the trust conferred upon the Territory of Minnesota, by act of Congress approved March 3rd, 1857.

Read a first and second time, and ordered to be printed.

Upon leave granted, Mr. J. R. Brown introduced Joint Resolution No. 2, for the procuring the removal of the Indians to their reservation.

Read a first and second time.

Upon motion the rules were suspended, and the Resolution read a third time and passed, and the title agreed to.

Mr. J. R. Brown gave notice of a Bill to authorize the Governor of the Territory, to organize volunteer troops to be despatched in pursuit of the Indian murderers of our citizens on the frontier, if steps are not taken by the proper authorities in sending United States troops, and the expenses of the same to be paid out of any moneys appropriated to defray legislative expenses.

Upon motion of Mr. Murray, the House adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. W. FURBER, Speaker.

Attest:

H. L. EDWARDS, Chief Clerk.