

La Societe Des

40 HOMMES ET 8 CHEVAUX

**GRANDE VOITURE
DEPARTMENT of MINNESOTA
1955 - 56**



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April 21, 1956.

Honorable Joseph Donovan
Minnesota Secretary of State
State Capitol Building,
St Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed resolution has been forwarded to Mr. Russell Fridley, Director of the Minnesota State Historical Society. Complete transfer will be made to him within a few days. This transfer is being made at the request of the Claims Committee of the 1955 State Legislature.

This copy is for your information in connection with the future custody of the Merci Boxcar given to the State of Minnesota, by the French Government, and cared for by the Forty and Eight of Minnesota until the present date.

Very truly yours,

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WHEREAS: The Grande Voiture du Minnesota, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, having accepted custody of the Merci Boxcar, presented to the State of Minnesota by the French Government, And

WHEREAS: The Grande Voiture du Minnesota, by agreement entered into with the Claims Committee of the 1955 Minnesota State Legislature, was directed to transfer, by a resolution, all claims and custody of said Merci Boxcar, to the Minnesota State Historical Society;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grande Voiture of Minnesota and the Grands Cheminots, in annual Fall Session assembled at Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 5, 1955, that the Grande Voiture du Minnesota, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, does hereby relinquish all claim custody and responsibility now held by La Societe and do hereby transfer said Merci Boxcar to the custody of the Minnesota State Historical Society.

Be it further resolved, this resolution shall be forwarded to Mr. Russell Fridley, Director of the Minnesota State Historical Society and that copies shall be sent to Honorable Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota and Honorable Joseph Donovan, Minnesota Secretary of State;

Be it further resolved, that the Grand Correspondant and the chairman of the Merci Boxcar Committee take such steps as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of this resolution.

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Joseph L. Donovan
Secretary of State

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