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January 30, 1931

Hon. Mike Holm
Secretary of State
State Capitol
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Attention Mr. Brown

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your inquiry as to whether or not the Laws for Minnesota Territory for 1854 were submitted to Congress, I find that on December 4, 1854, J. Travis Rosser, Secretary of the Territory, transmitted to President Pierce a copy of the laws of 1854. This letter of transmittal is in the Bureau of Indexes and Archives, Miscellaneous Letters, in the State Department at Washington, according to David W. Parker's Calendar of Papers in Washington Archives relating to the Territory, page 210 (Washington, Carnegie Institution, 1911.) On December 26, the Speaker of the House of Representatives laid the Laws of Minnesota Territory for 1854 before the House, and they were referred to the Committee on Territories. Later in the same day they were referred to the Committee on Judiciary. This information can be found in the House Journal, 2d Session, 33d Congress, pp. 110 and 111, or in the Congressional Globe, vol. 30, pp. 130 and 131.

Later on in the session, the House adopted a resolution invalidating two of the laws, but this resolution failed of passage in the Senate. I have been unable through the indexes to the Congressional Globe and the Senate Journal for that session to ascertain that the laws in question were laid before the Senate, but a careful search through the Journal, would disclose whether or not that was the case.

Very truly yours

Olson J. Buck

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