

INDIAN RAID IN MINNESOTA.

MEMORIAL

FROM

THE LEGISLATURE OF MINNESOTA,

TO

Extend pension laws to those disabled in the late Indian raid in Minnesota.

FEBRUARY 27, 1863.—Referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions and ordered to be printed.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States of America:*

Your memorialists, the legislature of the State of Minnesota, would respectfully represent:

That during the late Indian raid many citizens of Minnesota were killed, and others wounded and permanently disabled so as to render them incapable of maintaining themselves and families by manual labor, more especially, as in most cases their entire personal property was taken or destroyed by the savages.

That many hundreds have received and will continue to receive, until spring, needful aid from the State.

That your memorialists do not believe that it is just that the State should be obliged to make permanent provision for the support of said sufferers, but believe that it is the duty of the United States to protect its people against Indian depredations.

We would, therefore, ask of your honorable body to extend the benefit of the pension law passed at your session of 1861-'62 to all persons permanently disabled by wounds received in said raid, and to all widows or families who may have lost their husbands or fathers in said war, in all respects as if said persons had been killed or wounded in the military service of the United States.

CHARLES D. SHERWOOD.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

HENRY A. SWIFT,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

Approved February sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
Office of the Secretary of State, St. Paul, February 20, 1863.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

[SEAL.]

D. BLAKELY,
Secretary of State.