

NUMBER X.

A Memorial to the Secretary of War, for the purchase of Stores and Supplies in Minnesota, for the use of the Army.

To the Honorable the Secretary of War of the United States :

Your memorialists, the Legislature of Minnesota, respectfully represent :

To the Secretary of War for the purchase of supplies for the army in Minnesota

That the provisions and other articles for the subsistence of the Federal soldiers at Forts Snelling, Ripley and Ridgley, in the State of Minnesota, and at Fort Abercrombie, in Dakota Territory, have been heretofore and now are purchased at Saint Louis, Missouri, where the prices of nearly all of the chief articles purchased by the Commissary of Subsistence, are higher than at Saint Paul, Minnesota, exclusive of the cost of transportation from Saint Louis to this State.

Your memorialists are informed, that the following are the current prices of the chief articles of subsistence at the two places respectively, to wit :

	Cts. per lb.		Cts. per lb.
Salt Pork at St. Louis, 8 to 11		Same at St. Paul, 3 to 4½	
Bacon, "	13½	" "	7
Ham, "	13½	" "	6 to 8
Flour, "	3	" "	1½ to 2
Hard Bread, "	4½	" "	3
Candles, "	20	" "	15
Salt, "	1½	" "	¾
Rice, "	8 7-10	" "	8½
Soap, "	5½	" "	5
Vinegar, " per qt.	7½	" "	per qt. 3
Beans, " " "	5½	" "	" " 2½

That the cost of soldiers' rations at Saint Paul now is, and will be for the future, in an increased ratio less than

at Saint Louis, without regard to the cost of transportation, which being added, makes the difference very greatly in favor of Saint Paul.

Therefore, your memorialists would respectfully request that the Assistant Commissary of Subsistence at Saint Paul, may be ordered to make such purchases, in behalf of the Federal government, at Saint Paul, in this State.

Approved March 5th, 1862.

NUMBER XI.

A Memorial to Congress for a Mail Route from Saint Paul to Mankato.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled :

The memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully represents :

That the routes on which the mails are now carried are not sufficient to afford our population the necessary mail facilities.

That your memorialists, believing that it is the desire of congress to render the people of this State all necessary mail facilities, when the wants of the people are made known, would most respectfully ask that the following route may be established during the present season :

From Saint Paul to Mankato, *via* West Saint Paul, Eagantown, Rosemount, Lakeville, Christianaunce, Hazelwood, Shieldsville, Kilkenny, Cordova, Cleveland, Kasota, to Mankato, twice each week and return.

To congress for a
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