

ducts of the chase, have come down from that country this season, and returned with commodities received in exchange, and already a line of settlements is being extended by emigrants along the Eastern banks of the Mississippi above the Falls of St. Anthony, as far as the Indian occupancy has been extinguished, and for the purpose of protecting these settlers, and for the encouragement of those who are wending their way thither, the developement of the great resources of the country, and to prevent the frequent collisions of the Chippewa, Winnebago, and wandering tribes of the Sioux Indians, and confine each tribe within its proper limits. Your memorialists conceive it to be of the highest importance that a military post should also be established at a point near Sauk Rapids, and another at White Bear Lake, the head of Sauk river, and a military road constructed along the line of these posts to Pembina. Such are the natural resources and advantages of the country, with its healthful climate, that when these objects are accomplished, we feel assured the foundation will have been laid for making it at once, one of the most populous portions of the Great West.

And your memorialists would further represent that goods can be imported from Europe through the United States, by the way of the Mississippi, to the settlements of the Hudson Bay Company, at least three months earlier than by the way of the Hudson Bay, and with less expense, and it is believed that the establishment of a port of entry at St. Paul, with the privilege of drawback, would secure to our citizens the carrying trade of all foreign goods required at their settlements, and thereby give an additional impetus to the settlement and prosperity of this portion of our country. Your memorialists therefore pray, that all the matters above set forth may receive the early and earnest attention of your honorable body, and that such action may be had thereon, as in your wisdom may seem meet and proper.

APPROVED, the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Port of entry at
St. Paul prayed
for.

November 1, 1849.

[No. 5.]—A Memorial to the Congress of the United States.

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled: Your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, would respectfully recommend to your honorable body, the appropriation of such sums of money as you may deem necessary, for the purpose of building a Territorial Prison, at some point in said Territory which your honorable body may select.

Your memorialists deem it necessary to make known a few of the reasons why an appropriation is asked. From the sparsely settled condition of the counties, some are two poor build county jails, and it is plain to your memorialists, that years will elapse before they will be in a condition to do so.

Your memorialists would represent that as in all communities, there are those who not having the proper fear of the laws of God and man before their eyes, commit crimes that call on justice for punishment, and as there are no means of obtaining that object (where imprisonment might be a necessary punishment) otherwise

Reasons for pe-
tition.

Prayer, etc.

than by fine, they ask you to grant their prayer.

Your memorialists think that for many years to come, the establishment of a Territorial Prison would be followed by the happiest results in producing a change in the character of offenders, and deterring others from becoming so.

It is plain to your memorialists, that a great increase will be added, the coming year, to the present population of this Territory: Therefore, any measure tending to the prevention of crime, is well worthy of the consideration of Legislators.

APPROVED, the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

[No. 6.]—Memorial to Congress for an appropriation to construct a road from Point Douglass to the St. Louis River. October 20, 1849.

To the honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States: The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represents: That a public road is greatly needed from Point Douglass, near the mouth of the St. Croix River, by the way of Cottage Grove, Stillwater, Marine Mills, passing near the Falls of the St. Croix, and crossing Snake River near Pokegama Lake, thence by the most practicable route to the Falls of the St. Louis River, in the northeastern portion of this Territory. The probable length of a road between these points would be one hundred and eighty miles. This road would run through the rich valley of the St. Croix, a vast region of country now undeveloped and but partially inhabited, and which must so remain until the means of ingress and egress are provided. By the construction of this great road, the heavily timbered pine lands lying upon the tributaries of the St. Croix would be greatly enhanced in value, and the hardy and industrious emigrants from the States would pour into these valleys, build themselves homes, and the country now a dense and unpopulated forest, would become a great and flourishing colony.

Preamble, etc.

Your memorialists would further represent that this is the only route over which mails are carried from the Mississippi to Lake Superior and the settlements in the north, in Wisconsin and Minnesota east of the Mississippi river. Those mails are now carried by footmen, there being no road or trail which will admit of any other mode of travelling. Your memorialists would further represent that the interests of the citizens, the interests of the Territory, and the interests of the Government demand that a means of this kind be provided for the development of this valuable country of the north; and they therefore respectfully urge upon your honorable body the great and pressing necessity of making an appropriation as early as practicable, to enable them to effect this great object.

Appropriation asked for.

APPROVED, the twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

[No. 7.]—Memorial to Congress for the improvement of the Mississippi River above the Falls of St. Anthony. October 20, 1849.

To the honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States: The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the
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