

pensible every year, in consequence of the extensive and increasing trade carried on with the Indian nations within our borders, and commerce with the settlements on the Red River of the North, as well as the rapid increase of our own population, and the necessity of furnishing facilities and inducements for the thousands who are destined to emigrate to Minnesota, yearly: and

Whereas, the benefits accruing to the General Government from the facilities furnished by such a road for the rapid conveyance of mails, and the transportation of men, munitions of war and provisions, to the military posts upon the North Western frontier, and the necessary effect of facilitating the sale and settlement of large tracts of public lands through which it passes in the fertile regions of Minnesota and Wisconsin—commend it most strongly to the attention and patronage of the General Government.

Therefore, your memorialists would respectfully urge upon your honorable bodies the necessity of providing for a survey and location of a route for a Railroad leading from St. Paul, in the Territory of Minnesota, upon the most direct and eligible route, to the city of Milwaukee, or such other port on the western shore of Lake Michigan, as may be deemed advisable: and that a liberal donation and appropriation of public lands, lying upon the line of said proposed road, be made at the next session of Congress for the construction of said Railroad.

Prayer, etc.

M. E. AMES,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

D. B. LOOMIS,

President of the Council.

APPROVED, March twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
St. Paul, May 13, 1851. }

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

C. K. SMITH,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

[No. 5.]—*A Memorial to the Secretary of War for a continuance of certain Explorations in the Territory of Minnesota.*

March 13, 1851.

To the honorable, the Secretary of War: The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represents: That a large, and as we believe, valuable portion of our Territory is as yet, but very imperfectly known, save to the wandering Red men of the forest, and feeling assured that a much greater degree of confidence is generally entertained in the reports of Government officers than in those of individuals in a private station, and believing that the climate, soil and resources of Minnesota need only be understood, in order to be fully appreciated, and that when known, they will greatly tend to enlarge the tide of emigration which for the past season has tended hitherward, and

Preamble, etc.

that in consequence, the value of our land and products will be greatly enhanced, and the vast landed possessions of the General Government which are now lying idle and unproductive, will speedily pass into the hands of an enterprising and industrious class of settlers, whereby the Government will be the sooner reimbursed for the outlays incident to the establishment of new Territories; and believing that the interests of the General Government, as well as the interests of our young and growing Territory, will be greatly advanced by whatever will tend to throw light upon our resources. They would, therefore, respectfully request that the explorations commenced last summer may be continued the coming season; and that Capt. John Pope, of the Topographical Engineers, may be detailed to take charge of such exploration, believing that he will give general satisfaction, not only to the Government, but also, to the people of this Territory.

Prayer, etc.

M. E. AMES,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

D. B. LOOMIS,

President of the Council.

APPROVED, March thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
St. Paul, May 13, 1851. }

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

C. K. SMITH,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

MINNESOTA TERRITORY,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
St. Paul, June 5th, 1851. }

I, C. K. SMITH, Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the laws contained in this volume, purporting to be the laws of the said Territory, are true copies of the originals delivered to me by the officers of the Legislative Assembly of said Territory, at the close of the second session thereof; and that the same were enacted at said second session, and remain on file in this office; and that the memorials contained herein, are also true copies of the originals on file in this office, the same having been adopted at the said second session and handed over to me as aforesaid, at the close of said session.

{ L. S. } In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the great seal of the said Territory, the day and year above written.

C. K. SMITH.