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Memorial to Congress for an appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars for the construction of a Military Road from St. Anthony Falls to Fort Ridgely.

Preamble, &c.

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 to your Honorable body: That the construction of the above road is of great importance to the United States in a pecuniary point of view, as it will reimburse the government to a very great extent, from the readier sale thereby given to the excellent farming and timber lands, through which the line of said road passes, the settlement and purchase of which will be much expedited, by the opening of the means of communication between the two points; that the opening of said road from the Falls of St. Anthony to Fort Ridgely, is a matter of vital importance to the United States Government and the interests of Minnesota.

That the settlement of the lands through which it passes, and the interests of the enterprising emigrants who have already located in that vicinity, will all be strongly promoted and stimulated by its construction, and in addition to this the government will reap an additional advantage, by thus at once, opening a communication between the Falls of St. Anthony and Fort Ridgely, from the sale of its lands, for agricultural, manufacturing and other purposes, from the speedier, surer and cheaper transportation of the mails, movement of troops, &c., from point to point; and from the increase of population upon the frontier, by settlement and emigration which is sure to follow the completion of this road, and will be evidenced in every advance made in its construction.

Prayer.

Whereupon we respectfully and earnestly urge your honorable body to make the above named appropriation for the construction of said road, as it will not only promote in a great measure the interests of the settlers, but of the Territory at large.

N. C. D. TAYLOR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
S. B. OLMSTEAD,
President of the Council.

APPROVED—February second, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. A. GORMAN.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
St. Paul, March 30, 1854.

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

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.