

A MEMORIAL

To Congress for appropriations for certain improvements in this Territory.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota Territory represents to your Honorable body :

Mississippi river
improvements
between Saint
Anthony and
Sauk Rapids.

That the navigation of the Mississippi river between the Falls of St. Anthony and Sauk Rapids, a distance of about one hundred miles by the river, and also of the Minnesota river at the Little Rapids, are, during the season of low water, obstructed by rocks and other impediments which a moderate appropriation, judiciously, expended would easily remove and render the navigation of the said rivers at the point and between the points above named, free to steamboats, and other water crafts during the entire season of navigation.

And your Memorialists respectfully submit that the benefits which the Government would derive from the improvement above contemplated, would far exceed the amount required to remove the obstacles to the free navigation of the said river.

Large amounts of goods and money are annually transported by the government, at a heavy expense, over a long and tedious land route, to supply the different nations and tribes of Indians in the northern and western portions of the Territory, and also the military forces stationed at Fort Ripley and Fort Ridgely.

These heavy expenses would be materially lessened were these improvements, herein prayed for, made.

For the past three years a steamboat has been running on that portion of the rivers above named during the times of high water in the river, but that for more than half the time during the summer season, such navigation has been obstructed by the impediments in said rivers.

The rapidly increasing settlements on the Upper Mississippi river and on the Minnesota river and the new towns building up, is a further reason which respectfully urge in favor of the improvement of said rivers.

Your memorialists therefore ask an appropriation of \$30,000, for the improvement of the Mississippi between the points aforesaid, and of \$10,000 for removing the Little Rapids in the Minnesota river, also \$30,000

for the improvement of the Mississippi river between the mouth of the Minnesota river and the Falls of St. Anthony, to be expended under the direction and authority of the proper department of the Government.

J. S. NORRIS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. P. MURRAY,
President of Council.

APPROVED—February twenty-sixth eighteen hundred and fifty-five.
W. A. GORMAN.

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

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,
Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

A MEMORIAL

Of the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota Territory to Congress for an appropriation for the construction of a Military Road.

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: Military road.

1st, That the transportation of supplies for the use of the Military and Indian Departments of Government on the Upper Minnesota forms an important item of the expenditures for these Departments in this Territory.

2d, That during the seasons of low water, the supplies for these Departments must be carried by hand, a distance of some forty-five miles, over roads that have been constructed temporarily, and at individual expense, and therefore are as yet inconvenient, and at certain seasons of the year, difficult to pass over with loaded teams.

3d, That the difference in the cost of transportation of Government supplies would in a few years repay the Government for an expenditure of money in the construction of a good road for the transportation of the Mil-