

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 the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represents:

SECTION 1. 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 said rivers at the point and between the points above named, free to steamboats and other water crafts during the entire season of navigation.

SEC. 2. 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.

SEC. 3. 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 expences would be materially lessened were these improvements, herein prayed for, made.

SEC. 4. For the past three years a steamboat has been running on that portion of the river 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.

SEC. 5. 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 we respectfully urge in favor of the improvement of said rivers.

SEC. 6. 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 dollars 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-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.
W. A. GORMAN.

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

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,
Secretary of Minnesota Territory.