

## NUMBER XIII.

*A Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota.*

Memorial for  
Road

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled; Respectfully represents, that the interest of the public would be materially advanced by the construction of a road from the head of Lake Superior, to Mille Lac and St. Cloud, on the Mississippi river, from thence west, on Governor Stevens' route to the Missouri river. Also a road from St. Cloud to Otter Tail Lake, and from thence to the Salt Mines west of the Red River of the North. Your memorialists therefore respectfully recommend that your Honorable Body will at an early day make an appropriation for the said road. Also the establishment of a Mail Route, from the head of Lake Superior to St. Cloud.

CHARLES GARDNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
JOHN. B. BRISBIN,  
*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—February twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

W. A. GORMAN.

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

J. TRAVIS ROSSER, *Secretary of Minnesota Territory.*

## NUMBER XIV.

*A Memorial to Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the Mississippi River between St. Anthony Falls and Sauk Rapids.*

Memorial for ap-  
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improvements  
of Mississippi  
river

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress Assembled: the Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota Territory, represents to your Honorable body:

That the navigation of the Mississippi river, between the Falls of St. Anthony and Sauk Rapids, a distance of about eighty miles by the river, is, 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 river 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, Fort Ridgely, and the Fort at Pembina.

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

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

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

And your memorialists would further represent that enterprising citizens in this Territory have expended large amounts of money in building steamboats, which, as yet, they have been unable to use except in time of high water, but which could be used the entire season, could a small appropriation be had to improve said river.

Your memorialists therefore ask the appropriation of forty thousand dollars for the improvements of the Mississippi river between the points above mentioned. Or in case your Honorable Body should not think proper to appropriate money, then we respectfully ask that your Honorable Body may donate three townships of land to the Territory of Minnesota for the purpose hereinbefore named.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

CHARLES GARDNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
JOHN B. BRISBIN,  
*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—February eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

W. A. GORMAN.

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.*

## NUMBER XV.

*A Memorial to Congress for an appropriation for the construction of a Road from the Mississippi to Fort Ridgley.*

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled: That the interests of the general government, as well as the prosperity of our Territory, demands a direct connection by a good road, between the Mississippi below Lake Pepin and the Valley of the Minnesota.

Memorial for  
Road

That in the infancy of settlements, as in our Territory at this time, the people are unable to construct expensive roads connecting important points, without assistance from the general government.

That the distance by land from Wabashaw, below Lake Pepin, to Fort Ridgley, on the Minnesota river, is but a trifle greater than from St. Paul to Fort Ridgley.

That supplies for the troops at Fort Ridgley, and for the Indian tribes