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A Memorial to Congress for an Appropriation of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the Construction of Bridges and Culverts on the Territorial Road from St. Paul to Eliota, by way of Cannon Falls, Rochester and Carimona.

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 respectfully represents:

1st—That the improvement of the road from St. Paul to Eliota, is required by the wants of the constantly increasing population of the Territory on the west side of the Mississippi river. For improvement of road from St Paul to Eliota

That said road is in the direct track of the great bulk of the immigration from other parts of the Union, to this Territory, and is likewise the most direct and feasible land route to Dubuque.

That said road, during the past year, has been the main thoroughfare on the west side of the Mississippi, and is now used for the daily transportation of the mails from St. Paul to Dubuque, and for such purpose, after the close of navigation, is indispensable.

That the mail carriers and others, traveling said road, are greatly inconvenienced at all times, and for the space of from one to two months, in both spring and fall, are absolutely prevented from traveling said road, by reason of the high water. And that, from the fifteenth of November—the close of navigation to the twentieth of December, 1855, the transportation of the mail was entirely prevented—a great inconvenience and trouble, not only to the people of the Territory, but to divers persons in all parts of the Union.

And lastly, that this inconvenience would be entirely remedied by the construction of Bridges and Culverts across the Cannon, the Zombro and other streams crossed by said road.

2nd—Your Memorialists therefore pray your Honorable Body to make an appropriation of the sum of twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000) to be expended in the construction of the Bridges and Culverts necessary for the full use and enjoyment of the same.

And as in duty bound, your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

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

APPROVED—February sixteenth, 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.