

Seventh. With these facts before us, your Memorialists feel it to be their duty to urge most earnestly upon your consideration the grant hereby prayed for, as by it sufficient would be saved in three years, from moneys now necessarily expended by the government, to reimburse the treasury for the donation in this Memorial prayed for. By it, trade and commerce between distant and estranged portions of our Territory would be enlivened and protected. By it, vast regions of the public domain now sparsely inhabited would be made to teem with an active and thrifty population, adding to the national wealth, and hastening the sale and improvement of the public lands.

Eighth. Where so much good can be obtained by legislative action at no sacrifice or cost to the nation, your Memorialists are confident in their belief that what is herein asked will be cheerfully bestowed.

Ninth. Your Memorialists, therefore, respectfully pray that a donation of the lands overflowed by the rise of the Minnesota river, be made to the Territory of Minnesota to aid in the improvement of the navigation of said river.

CHARLES GARDNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBEN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February eleventh, 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 ROSSETT,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

NUMBER XXVII.

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

To the Postmaster General of the United States of America, and to the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

For new mail routes

The Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota Territory respectfully represents: That the routes on which the mails are now carried are not, owing to the extension of the settlements within our Territory, sufficient to afford our population the necessary mail facilities, and your Memorialists feel a strong reliance upon the wishes of Congress, to render all proper mail facilities to the people of this Territory, whenever the wants of the community are made known, and with this conviction, your Memorialists would most respectfully ask that the following mail routes may be established during the present session of Congress, viz:

First. From La Crosse, in Wisconsin, by way of section twenty-four, township one hundred and four, range four west, Hokah, Houston, Rushford, Chatfield, and High Forest to Mankato, in Blue Earth county, Territory of Minnesota.

Second. From Decorah in the State of Iowa, to La Crosse in Wisconsin, by way of Belleville, Caledonia and Hokah.

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Third. From Lansing in the State of Iowa, to Brownsville, Minnesota Territory, by way of Portland Prairie and Caledonia.

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

APPROVED—Feb'ry eighteen, 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 the Territory of Minnesota.

NUMBER XXVIII.

A Memorial for certain Mail Routes.

For road from
Lake Superior
to Mille Lac

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 Little Falls, on the Mississippi river; from thence west on Governor Stevens' route to the Missouri river. Also, a road from Little Falls to Otter Tail Lake, and from thence to the Salt Mines west of the Red River of the north. Your Memorialists, therefore, respectfully request that your honorable body will at an early day make an appropriation for the construction of said roads. Also, the establishment of a Mail Route from the head of Lake Superior to Little Falls.

CHARLES GARDNER
Speaker of the House of Representatives
JOHN B. BRISBĪN,
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.