

## NUMBER VII.

*A Memorial of the Legislative Assembly to the President of the United States for the Reduction of the Military Reserve at Fort Ripley.*

The Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota respectfully represents:

Reduction of  
Military Reserve

That the Military Reserve at Fort Ripley is, at this time, not needed for military purposes, in the opinion of your Memorialists, and it would, if reduced, be immediately settled upon by a farming population of citizens.— That portion of the Reserve which lies on the east of the Mississippi, includes but little timber that is of value to the Military post, even if it needed it, which it does not, and if opened for settlement, would, the whole of it, be bought up and occupied.

Your Memorialists would therefore most respectfully pray that the Military Reserve be reduced to one mile square, on the west branch of the Mississippi river; 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—March first, 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 VIII.

*Memorial to the Post Master General of the United States for the establishment of a Mail Route from Wabashaw, by the way of Greenwood, Rochester, and High Forest to Austin.*

Memorial for  
mail route

To the Honorable the Postmaster General of the United States: The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota respectfully represents that there is no mail facility from the town to Wabashaw, in Wabashaw county, to the town of Austin, Mower county, on the Red Cedar, except by the way of West Union, Iowa; that the towns of Green Wood and High Forest are totally destitute of mail service. The distance from Wabashaw to Greenwood, is sixteen miles; from Greenwood to Rochester, sixteen miles; Rochester to High Forest, eighteen miles; from High Forest to Austin, twenty-five miles; a distance of seventy-five miles through a thickly populated country.

That your memorialists feel a strong reliance upon the wishes of the