

that we have attentively observed and considered the effect upon the growth and prosperity of Western States, produced by putting into market large bodies of public lands at one time. Our experience has demonstrated to us that such policy has heretofore and will again throw large quantities of the best soil and timbered lands into the hands of capitalists by whom they remain uncultivated, and driving the actual settler elsewhere, or obliging him to take inferior or refused lands. The proof of these facts and the results are so familiar to our whole community, that conviction deep and strong has been fixed on the public mind, that no more land sales except to actual settlers by pre-emption should take place in Minnesota during the present year, nor until the actual settler who comes here from the States have an opportunity of making their claim and improvements under the pre-emption laws of the United States. We therefore most earnestly and respectfully ask your Excellency to regard the prayer of this memorial and permit our future State to be filled by an upright and industrious class of actual settlers.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }

SAINT PAUL, March 10, 1857. }

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J. J. McCULLOUGH,
Acting Secretary.

NUMBER XII.

Memorial to Congress for a Mail Route from West Union, in the State of Iowa, to Cannon Falls in Minnesota.

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

Respectfully represents, that the establishment of a Mail Route from West Union, in the state of Iowa, via Arnolds-

ville, Forestville, Spring Valley, Pleasant Valley, High Forest, and Mantorville to Cannon Falls, in Minnesota Territory, would be of material advantage to a large number of settlers along the line of said route, the same being one of the principal thoroughfares leading from Minnesota into the State of Iowa, and the towns and neighborhoods along said route being almost destitute of mail facilities; your memorialists therefore respectfully and earnestly recommend the establishment of said mail route.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

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NUMBER XIII.

Memorial to Congress for an Appropriation for the Erection of a Custom House at St. Joseph, Pembina County, M. T.

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

Respectfully represents, that the protection of the Revenue of the United States, requires the erection of a Custom House at St. Joseph, Pembina county, as from the large amount of goods imported from New Britain cannot be conveniently entered for the payment of duties from the want of suitable buildings to receive and store them, pending the payment of the duties levied upon them; and your memorialists respectfully recommend that an appropriation be made for the erection of said building or buildings at as early a day as possible.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February twenty-sixth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

SAINT PAUL, March 10, 1857. }

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