

NUMBER XIV.

*A Memorial to Congress for an Appropriation for the
Erection of a Bridge across Root River, in Town one
hundred and four, Range eight, west, County of Fill-
more.*

*To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States in Congress assembled:*

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Min-
nesota, would respectfully represent,

That of all appropriations by your honorable body, there
is probably no appropriation more needed, or which would
be of greater benefit to the public, and especially to emi-
grants coming west, as well as for the safety of the United
States Mail, than would be an appropriation for the erection
of a bridge across the Root River, in town one hundred and
four, (104), range eight (8), west, in the county of Fillmore,
at the point where the State road and mail route from La
Crosse, in the State of Wisconsin, to Mankato, in this State,
and the mail route from Winona, in this State, to Burr Oak,
in the State of Iowa, are crossing the same.

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Your memorialist would further represent, that in time of
high water, the United States Mails have been hindered from
crossing the said river for several days, and on one occasion
last summer the mail carrier, in attempting to cross, had his
team carried off by the stream, drowned one of his horses,
and lost the United States Mail bag, which has never since,
(we believe), been recovered. Emigrants also are known
to have been detained from crossing as long as three weeks,
and have often in attempting to cross, encountered imminent
danger, and sustained great losses of property, by having
had their teams and loads carried down the swift stream.

Your memorialists would further represent, that at this
point of the said river, there is no ferry, for the reason that
the river at this point is so swift in its current, that it would
be very difficult to manage a ferry on its waters.

The said river also at times raises to such an extraordi-
nary height that it requires a greater amount to erect a
bridge over it than the county of Fillmore is able to raise,
or will be able to raise for some years to come; and our
State being in a transition from a Territorial to a State or-
ganization, our finances forbid us making appropriations of
any kind.

Your memorialists therefore would respectfully ask your
honorable body to make an appropriation for the erection of
the said bridge, of ten thousand dollars, which, from the pe-

cular and central situation of the said bridge, would be, as it were, a national appropriation and your memorialists will ever pray.

GEORGE BRADLEY,
Speaker *pro tem.* of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—March third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
March 3, 1858. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.

NUMBER XV.

A Memorial to the Post Master General for a Mail Route from Hastings to St. Peters.

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

A memorial for a
mail route from
Hastings to St
Peter

That the interest of a large number of inhabitants require the establishment of a Mail Route from Hastings, in Dakota county, via Lakeville, Wheatland, Lexington to St. Peters, in the county of Nicollet.

Your memorialist would therefore respectfully request that the above route may be established at the earliest possible period, and your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

GEORGE BRADLEY,
Speaker *pro tem.* of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—July twenty third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
July 23, 1858. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.