

of actual settlers in the portion of the State immediately west of the Falls of St. Anthony, the public good requires that a Mail Route should be established from the west side of St. Anthony Falls, (Minneapolis,) by way of Wayzata, Watertown, Winsted, Byron, Cedar City, to Kandiyohi. The inhabitants in the neighborhood of the above mentioned towns have heretofore been deprived of all mail facilities, and it is only proper that the people should be thus accommodated.

Memorial to the
Postmaster General for a mail
route

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

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

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
February 6, 1858. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.

NUMBER XXI.

A Memorial to Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the Mississippi River from the mouth of the Minnesota River to Sauk Rapids.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of representatives in Congress Assembled:

Your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota respectfully represent,

That the navigation of the Mississippi River, between the mouth of the Minnesota or St. Peters River and the Falls of St. Anthony, a distance of about seven miles by the river, is during the season of low water, obstructed by rocks and other impediments which a moderate appropriation, judiciously expended, would remove and render the navigation of said river between the points above named, free to the largest class of Steamboats used upon the Upper Mississippi and other water crafts during the entire season of navigation.

Memorial to Congress for appropriations &c

That within the two years last past, the citizens of St. Anthony and Minneapolis have expended for the improvement of the navigation of said river, between the points aforesaid, about ten thousand dollars, and during last season a line of boats was established between the places aforesaid and Fulton City, and during the season fifty-two steamboats arrived at the landing at St. Anthony and Minneapolis, leaving nearly six thousand tons of freight, which however is a small quantity compared with what would have been landed there, had boats been able to run the whole season of navigation.

Your memorialists further represent that the navigation of the Mississippi River between the Falls of St. Anthony and Sauk Rapids, a distance of about eighty miles, is during the time of low water obstructed by rocks, with a moderate appropriation properly expended, would remove and enable boats to run there during the entire season of navigation.

The benefits government would derive from the improvements above contemplated, would far exceed the amount required to remove the obstacles to the free navigation of said river. Large quantities of goods and supplies are annually transported by the government at great expense, over a long and tedious land route, to furnish the different nations and tribes of Indians in the northern and western portions of the Territory, and also the military forces stationed at Fort Ripley and the fort at Pembina, which expense would be materially lessened were the improvements herein prayed for made.

For the past three years two steamboats have been running on the river above the Falls during the time of high water, but such navigation is obstructed about half of the summer.

The rapid increase in population and importance of St. Anthony and Minneapolis and many other towns on the Upper Mississippi, and the fast increasing settlements of that section of the country, are further reasons which are respectfully urged as rendering such improvements expedient and necessary.

Your Memorialists therefore ask that an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars be made for the improvement of that portion of said river below the Falls of St. Anthony above mentioned, and the further sum of forty thousand dollars to improve the same between said Falls and Sauk Rapids. In case your honorable body should not think [proper] to appropriate money, then we respectfully ask that lands equal in value be donated for the purposes aforesaid.

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—February the twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
February 25, 1858. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.

NUMBER XXII.

A Memorial to Congress for an appropriation to aid in the construction of a Wagon Road from some point on Lake Superior, in the State of Minnesota, to the South Pass of the Rocky Mountains.

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

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State Minnesota respectfully represents that in order to fully develop and open out to settlement the beautiful country between the Rocky Mountains and Lake Superior, there should be a good Wagon Road constructed the entire distance, and believing it is the earnest desire of Congress to aid this new and thriving State, and in view of the fact that Congress has already appropriated a certain sum towards the object herein sought, your memorialists respectfully ask your honorable body to further appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to construct a Wagon Road from some point on Lake Superior, in this State, to Fort Ridgley. Also, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to aid in the construction of a Road from that point on the Missouri River, where the Road recently laid out by the Department of the Interior, under the superintendence of Wm. H. Nobles, strikes said river, thence by the most direct and feasible route to the South Pass of the Rocky Mountains.

Memorial to Congress for an appropriation

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,

Speaker of the Senate.