

finest portion of Iowa and Minnesota—that it supplies, along its line, populous sections of both States, now almost wholly unsupplied by mail facilities, and that it will undoubtedly prove remunerative to the department, as well as valuable to the people. Your memorialists would respectfully ask your honorable bodies, therefore, to establish a mail route between said points on the route indicated above, and order a tri-weekly mail service thereon.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker *pro tem.* of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

Feb. 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 V.

Memorial to the Postmaster General to increase Mail Service on Route No. 13,848.

To the Honorable Postmaster General of the United States :

For increase of
mail service on
route no 13,848

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represents that the citizens of the cities of St. Paul, in Minnesota, and Hudson, in Wisconsin, suffer great inconvenience for want of more mail service between the two cities, on Mail Route No. 13,848.

Your memorialists therefore pray that service on Mail Route No. 13,848 be increased from one to six trips per week.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker *pro tem.* of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—January twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
 January 29, 1858. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.

NUMBER VI.

Memorial to Congress in Relation to the Public Lands.

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, whereas, the prosperity and growth of the Great West depend mainly upon the development and maturity of its agricultural resources, the greatest liberality should be extended to those who will occupy and cultivate our soil, not only in procuring title thereto, but in enabling them to cultivate the same scientifically, and with the greatest degree of success.

Memorial to Congress for land grant to an Agricultural College, and for a homestead to settlers

Speculation in the public lands, although not in itself immoral, long experience has shown to be detrimental to the interest of the great mass of the people, and that it is the duty of Congress to protect them, as much as may be, against land monopoly, and in the primary disposition of the public domain, to place the same in limited quantities in the possession of actual and bona fide settlers, to be permanently occupied and cultivated, which object the legislation heretofore had granting the right of pre-emption, has failed to a great extent to secure.

Although the greater portion of the pre-empted land has been secured in good faith for the homes of the settlers, yet, the pre-emption laws have been a fruitful source of perjury, and a large quantity of land pre-empted in Minnesota and the adjoining States, has been solely for the purpose of immediate sale ; and the same having passed into the hands of speculators, is wild and uncultivated as when first discovered. The demand of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre is really and practically a tax upon the producer for the privilege of cultivating the soil ; and many of the pre-emptors, in some portions of this and adjacent States, have been obliged