

NUMBER XXXIX.

A Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, for an Appropriation to pay Orrin W. Rice the amount expended by him in making a winter Road from Twin Lakes to Kettle River, in Minnesota.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represents, that Orrin W. Rice cut and made the road from Twin Lakes to Kettle River, in Minnesota, on the unfinished portion of the Point Douglas and Saint Louis River Road, for the accommodation of the people of Minnesota, and the use of the Government in the transportation of mails and supplies. Memorial for appropriation to O W Rice for building road from Twin Lakes to Kettle River

That the Government having failed to complete the road from Point Douglas to the Saint Louis River, the amount expended thereon would have been useless in affecting a communication between these points, but for the enterprise and liberality of Mr. Rice in finishing the same as aforesaid, for winter use.

That the Road so made now affords a ready means of transit between Lake Superior and the Mississippi River, with teams as in winter and on horseback in summer, and is, and always must be, used by the Government as a mail, route and for military purposes.

It is but just, therefore, that Government should compensate Mr. Rice for the labor and expense incurred by him in thus perfecting this important national work.

Your Memorialists further respectfully represent, that the length of the road so made, is thirty-six miles, and that a just compensation therefor, and the amount paid by the Government for similar work, is one hundred dollars per mile.

Your Memorialists therefore respectfully ask that an appropriation of three thousand six hundred dollars may be made, to pay for the services and work specified.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

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

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
February 27, 1858. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary