

Winnebago City, would form one of the most important and best paying routes in the State, making a direct and speedy means of communication, with all the principal cities in the East, by the way of the Milwaukee & La Crosse Railroad, for the transmission and distribution of the United States mail for the southern part of the State of Minnesota.

Therefore, your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, most earnestly and respectfully ask that the mail route may be established as above specified, and mail service ordered thereon.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

President of the Senate.

AMOS COGGSWELL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved February third, one thousand eight hundred and sixty

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }

February 3rd, 1860. }

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

J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.

NUMBER XI.

A Memorial to Congress for an appropriation for the improvement of the Rapids of the Minnesota River, near the Town of San Francisco.

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—

Memorial to Congress for improvement of rapids in Minnesota river

That the navigation of the Minnesota river at the rapids near the town of San Francisco, during the season of low water, is obstructed by rocks, which a moderate appropriation properly and judiciously expended, would remove and open that great thoroughfare of inland communication, penetrating far beyond the remotest white settlement on said river, free and

easy of access to the largest class of steamboats which usually navigate the upper Mississippi.

The densely settled region of the Minnesota valley, teeming with the rich products of a fertile soil, and having no other outlet to an eastern market whereby the agricultural and commercial wants of the inhabitants of said valley could be supplied, is urged upon your consideration as a reason why this improvement should be made.

The benefits Government would derive from the improvement above contemplated, would in a few years, more than compensate the General Government for the amount required to remove these obstacles and render the navigation of said river free to all commercial pursuits.

In time of low water, large quantities of goods and supplies are annually transported at great expense by the Government over these rapids, to furnish the different tribes of Sioux and Winnebago Indians, and also the military forces stationed at Fort Ridgely, and in consequence of the inconvenience of re-shipping at the rapids, the expense would be materially reduced, were the improvements herein prayed for, made.

Your memorialists, therefore, ask that an appropriation of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars be made for the improvement of the said rapids—and your memorialists will ever pray.

AMOS COGGSWELL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

President of the Senate.

Approved, February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }
February 1st, 1860. }

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J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.