

NUMBER IX.

A Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, to the President of the United States, in reference to the Light Houses on Lake Superior.

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully represents:

Memorial in reference to light houses on Lake Superior

That by an act of Congress entitled, "An Act making appropriations for Light Houses, &c.," passed August eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and a similar act passed March third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, among other appropriations the following were made, viz :

For a Light House at Beaver Bay, Lake Superior, six thousand (6,000) dollars, for a Light House at Grand Portage, at the mouth of Pigeon river, six thousand (6,000) dollars ; and for a Light House at Two Island river, five thousand (5,000) dollars, all in Minnesota, on the north-western coast of Lake Superior.

That the Minnesota coast of Lake Superior is over one hundred and fifty miles in extent ; the locations of the above contemplated Light Houses are about equi-distant from each other, forming a succession of Light Houses only near enough to render the navigation safe.

That the commercial interests of the inhabitants along the Minnesota coast of the lake, together with those engaged in navigation, require the contemplated lights.

That during the past season four steamboats have made regular trips to and from the ports on the north shore of the lake.

That upwards of forty sail craft are engaged in fishing and coasting on said coast. That the fishing resources of the lake will be materially developed by the establishment of such lights.

That the climate and land at, and for several miles interior from the lake is found well adapted for agricultural purposes ; and—

That the abundant evidences of mines and minerals along the lake shore are attracting the attention of emigrants and capitalists.

These memorialists, therefore, respectfully urge the early application of the appropriations to encourage and foster the commerce of Lake Superior, and facilitate the occupation of the public domain, and develop the mineral resources embrac-

ed in the north-western portion of the State of Minnesota.

AMOS COGSWELL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

President of the Senate.

Approved January tenth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }

January 10th, 1869. }

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 X.

A Memorial to Congress for the establishment of a mail route from La Crosse, in the State of Wisconsin, to Shelbyville in the State of Minnesota, by way of Brownsville, Sheldon, Dedham, Preston, Carimona, Forestville, Spring Valley, Grand Meadow, Mower City, Lansing, Frankfort, Austin, Sumner, Albert Lea, Freeborn, Walnut Lake and Winnebago City.

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

The Legislature of the State of Minnesota would respectfully represent—

That the present mail facilities afforded to the people of the southern part of the State, are entirely insufficient to meet their wants. Memorial to Congress for a mail route

That the commercial and social interests of that portion of the State demand an increase of mail facilities; and—

That the establishment of a mail route, with semi-weekly service thereon, from La Crosse, in the State of Wisconsin, to Shelbyville, in the State of Minnesota, by way of Brownsville, Sheldon, Dedham, Preston, Carimona, Forrestville, Spring Valley, Grand Meadow, Mower City, Lansing, Frankfort, Austin, Sumner, Albert Lea, Freeborn, Walnut Lake and