

## NUMBER VIII.

*Memorial of the Legislature of Minnesota to the President of the United States.*

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

That mail route number 13,503, by which the mail is carried daily between Saint Paul in this State and La Crosse in the State of Wisconsin during the close of navigation on the Mississippi River, is one of great importance to the whole State of Minnesota, and a large portion of Northern Wisconsin.

To the President  
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States

That it is the grand trunk route which furnishes the region named with its southern and eastern mail facilities, it being, during the winter, the only outlet in the direction named.

That the increasing population and growing business interests of this State demand that an effort should be made to expedite the transmission of the important mail matter carried over said route; that by the terms of the present contract, forty-eight hours are allowed for carrying said mail between the points above named.

Your Memorialists further state, that it is believed that the distance can be made in thirty-six hours, and that the public welfare and private interests would be greatly promoted thereby.

Your Memorialists therefore respectfully urge that an effort be made to perfect arrangements for the more rapid transmission of the mails over said route, and that the present contract time be reduced from forty-eight to thirty-six hours, if upon inquiry it is ascertained that the same can be done upon just and reasonable terms.

Approved February 23d, A. D. 1861.