

NUMBER XVI.

*Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota
to the Postmaster General of the United States.*

Your Memorialists hereby represent :

That the mail route from Hastings, in Dakota county, to Faribault, in Rice county, should be so far changed as to go from Northfield, in Rice county, to Dundas post office, in the town of Bridgewater, Rice county, and thence to Faribault, as aforesaid ; the only change in said route being to include the post office of Dundas therein ; and your memorialists believe that such change will be for the convenience of the people on said route ; and as in duty bound will ever pray.

To the Postmaster
General

Approved March 5th, 1862.

NUMBER XVII.

*A Memorial for the Alteration of a Mail Route from
Winona to Rochester.*

To the Postmaster General of the United States.

We your memorialist, the Legislature of Minnesota, respectfully represent :

That the present necessities of that portion of the State to be affected thereby, urgently demand the alteration and change of route number 13,558, to run as follows : From Winona by Minnesota City, Rolling Stone, Jefferson, Elba, Quincy, Elgin, Waterloo, to Rochester being forty-eight miles, forming a more perfect and direct route up

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of a mail route
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Rochester

the Rolling Stone and White Water rivers, giving the people living along said rivers, connection with the mail route to the capital and the great west.

Approved February 19th, 1862.

NUMBER XVIII.

A Memorial for a Special Mail Agency for the State of Minnesota.

To the President of the United States :

Your memorialists, the legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represent :

That irregularity of the mail service in this State, together with frequent and heavy losses by parties relying upon said mail service, require a more efficient supervision of that branch of the public business than is afforded by the facilities already existing.

That in many instances, by the present location of routes, two or more mails are forwarded over the same route at an unnecessary expense.

That the losses, during the past year, to parties who have transmitted money, or its equivalent, by mails carried over several of the routes of this State, have been frequent and painfully embarrassing, arising, as your memorialists believe, from the criminal negligence or dishonesty of mail carriers or post masters.

That the expense, losses, delay and confusion now incident to the mail service in this State, would be greatly diminished by a more direct superintendence by the government.

Your memorialists would therefore respectfully suggest and urge the appointment of a special mail agent for the State of Minnesota as the surest means to remedy and correct existing abuses.

For a special mail
agency for the
State of Minne-
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