

## NUMBER VI.

*A Memorial to the President of the United States.*

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

That the regions lying upon the upper waters of the Mississippi river and its upper tributaries in the State of Minnesota, embrace large bodies of land covered with pine, which are chiefly valuable for the timber which they furnish.

That the pine lands within the State which have heretofore been surveyed and offered for sale, have chiefly been purchased or located.

That the unsurveyed pine lands of the State are subject to constant and extensive depredations by lawless persons, who take from them the most valuable timber, thereby depriving the government of the most valuable quality of the lands, causing a large expense, in efforts to suppress such depredations; depreciating the value of similar lands heretofore purchased of the government by private persons; causing uncertainty, trouble and embarrassment to those who are engaged in the lumber business, and depriving the State of the benefits of revenue which would be derived from this class of lands whenever they become the property of private persons.

Your memorialists believe that the interests alike of the government of the United States, of the State of Minnesota, and of the community, would be greatly and beneficially promoted by the survey and sale of all the pine bearing lands within the State.

Your memorialists therefore pray that all the pine lands within the State of Minnesota may be surveyed as speedily as may be consistent with the nature of the service, and that they may be immediately offered for sale and private entry.

Approved January 31st, 1862.

To the President  
of the United  
States