

ty-seven (28,497) acres of land, and that of an inferior quality, within the six mile limits on the whole length of said road, a distance of seventy miles.

Your memorialists would further represent, that a little over twenty miles of said Root River Road has been graded ready for the superstructure, and that no part of the land granted by Congress to aid in construction of said road, has been in any way squandered by the company; that the Root River branch of the Southern Minnesota Railroad has an eastern connection at LaCrescent, with the Milwaukee and LaCrosse Railroad, and on that account becomes one of the most important railroad routes in the State of Minnesota.

In relation to the  
Root River Valley  
and Southern  
Minnesota Rail-  
road

Your memorialists would therefore most respectfully ask that such an additional grand of land may be made to aid in the construction of said Root River Railroad, as will put it upon an equal footing with other lines of railroad that were more favorably situated at the time the land grant aforesaid was made by Congress.

Approved, February 19, 1863.

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### NUMBER VIII.

*A Memorial to the President of the United States, requesting that a Company of Cavalry be Stationed along the Military Road from Lake Superior to the Junction of the Mille Lac and Crow Wing Roads, and as far as Oshongwatonna, Pine County.*

*To His Excellency, the President of the United States :*

Your Memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully but earnestly represent :

The absolute necessity of a suitable guard, of not less than one company of Cavalry, for the protection of our

Requesting that a company of Cavalry be stationed along the military road from Lake Superior to the junction of the Mile Lac and Grey Wing roads

settlements upon Lake Superior, and to keep the Military Road in case of danger, from any roving bands of Indians, and also for the protection of the United States mails.

The population residing upon Lake Superior, are entirely dependent upon the Military Road for an outlet to the settled portions of the State; they are distant about one hundred and ten miles from military aid; and should any unforeseen trouble arise, they and also the United States mails would be immediately cut off.

We therefore request your Excellency to direct the commander of the Military Department of the Northwest, to order one company of Minnesota Cavalry to guard the only road we have to Lake Superior.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

Approved, March 4, 1863.

## NUMBER IX.

### *A Memorial to Congress for the Construction of a Road from Saint Paul, in Minnesota, to the Pacific Coast.*

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, would respectfully represent:

For the construction of a road from St. Paul, in Minnesota, to the Pacific coast

That the location of a road from Saint Paul, Minnesota, to the Pacific coast, would very materially advance the work of opening the mining regions of our country, recommended to the attention of Congress by the President, in his annual message, and actually open the way for a line of military posts along our northern frontier, which are necessary for our defence from the outrages of the savages who infest that portion of our country.

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, would respectfully memorialize the Congress of the United States, that they at once direct the construc-