

## NUMBER 7.

## A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FOR A LIGHT-HOUSE ON GRAND MARAIS BAY, NORTH SHORE OF LAKE SUPERIOR, STATE OF MINNESOTA.

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

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represent as follows:

That Grand Marais Bay, on the north shore of Lake Superior, in the State of Minnesota, is, by reason of its natural advantages, most easily made a good harbor for refuge for all vessels navigating the upper portion of said lake.

That to render it easy of access and without danger to vessels entering in the night, a light should be placed and maintained near the entrance of said bay, and some improvements made, not requiring a large outlay of money, as by the surveys of said bay and adjacent coast heretofore made by the United States, will fully appear.

That the commercial and maritime interests of all the citizens of the United States engaged in doing business on the great lakes will be greatly benefited, and the lives of all seamen and others, traveling on business or pleasure, on the waters adjacent to said bay; and all such sail and steam craft, will, in time of storms, be very much less endangered by being thus enabled to enter said harbor.

That the importance of this harbor is every year increasing, by reason of the constantly growing coasting trade on this coast of Lake Superior, and the rapidly growing business being opened and encouraged by railway termini in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, with ports in Canada, to-wit: Prince Arthur's Landing, Fort Williams and others, and particularly by the discoveries of valuable mineral deposits lying inland and back of said Grand Marais Bay.

Therefore, your memorialists respectfully pray your honorable body to appropriate an adequate amount of money, to be expended by and under the direction of the proper department of the government to secure the improvement desired, to the end that said Grand Marais Bay may be made a good and safe harbor for refuge in time of storm.

*Resolved*, by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of State is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this memorial to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, and a copy to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved March 11, 1878.