

by the uniform experience of our rapidly advancing frontier settlements, as well as by a wise public policy: your memorialists would respectfully request your honorable bodies to place the said thirty-sixth section under the control of the Legislative Assembly to be by them sold, leased or otherwise appropriated, as to them may seem best calculated to effect the object above set forth.

APPROVED, the twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Thirty-sixth section.

[No. 9.]—Memorial to Congress for additional mail facilities.

October 27, 1849.

To the honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled: The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represents, That at the present time the citizens of this Territory are greatly in want of additional facilities to accommodate the business wants of its rapidly increasing population; there is but one mail route leading to this Territory, on which is now transmitted a weekly mail from Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, during the season of navigation, and a semi-monthly mail from the same place during the winter season, and the citizens of this Territory are consequently deprived of any communication by mail, with the different parts of the Union, between the periods specified.

Preamble, etc.

Your memorialists therefore pray, that Congress will, at the earliest period practicable, establish a tri-weekly mail during the period of navigation, from Prairie du Chien to Stillwater and St. Paul, in this Territory, and that the same be continued semi-weekly during the winter season.

Prayer, etc.

APPROVED, the twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

[No. 10.]—Memorial to Congress in relation to establishing Mail Routes therein named, and for other purposes.

October 30, 1849.

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled: The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represents, That the present and rapidly increasing interests of the people inhabiting the country bordering upon the Mississippi river above St. Paul, and those of the Red River settlements of the North, those of the people connected with the Indian sub-agency at Long Prairie, and the military occupants of Fort Gaines, seriously requires a mail route to be established from St. Paul, via St. Anthony Falls, Sauk Rapids, the mouth of Swan river, to Fort Gaines, and a side route from the mouth of Swan river to Long Prairie.

Preamble, etc.

And your memorialists further represent, that according to the best information of your memorialists, the distance from St. Paul to the Falls of St. Anthony is nine miles, thence to Sauk Rapids, eighty-one miles, thence to the mouth of Swan river, twenty-eight miles, thence to Fort Gaines, eighteen miles, and from the mouth of Swan river to Long Prairie, thirty miles: and your memorialists

further represent that a large portion of the population of this Territory are settled along the line of the routes above proposed: that in the opinion of your memorialists, great accessions thereto will be made the approaching year, and that their convenience, as well as that of the Military and Indian Departments of the United States clearly justify the establishment of such route.

Prayer, etc.

Your memorialists therefore pray your honorable bodies to establish a mail route as above set forth; and post offices at St. Anthony Falls, Sauk Rapids, the mouth of Swan river, Fort Gaines and Long Prairie, and that a mail be transported weekly in two horse carriages.

Your memorialists further represent that quite a large portion of the citizens of Minnesota Territory would be accommodated by the establishment of a mail route from St. Paul to Stillwater in said Territory, a distance of eighteen miles, and that the mail be carried thereon three times per week.

APPROVED, the twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

October 31, 1849.

[No. 11.] -- Memorial to Congress for the improvement of certain roads therein named.

Preamble, etc.

To the honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled: The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represents, That the road now leading from St. Paul, the head of navigation on the Mississippi river, to Fort Gaines, a distance of one hundred and thirty miles, and running through a rich and fertile country, capable of sustaining a large population, is owing to certain obstructions, particularly the numerous streams which it crosses, often rendered entirely impassable, so that it frequently occurs that the citizens residing in the vicinity of this road, as well as the military post of Fort Gaines, are entirely prevented from procuring even the most necessary supplies.

That the road from the Winnebago Agency to St. Paul, over which a large amount of government supplies are annually transported, intersects the road at Aitkin's Ferry, on the Mississippi river, about twenty miles south of Fort Gaines, that the branch of the road leading to the Winnebago Agency is so bad, that the inhabitants residing at that place, have for several months during the past year, been entirely prevented from procuring any supplies, excepting those brought by pedestrians. That in order to render these roads passable at all seasons of the year, thereby rendering the transportation of government supplies to Fort Gaines and the different Indian tribes in this vicinity, cheaper and more certain, and ensuring the speedy settlement of an extensive and fertile country, an appropriation from the General Government is indispensable. Your memorialists would respectfully ask, that your honorable bodies will appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars for the purposes above set forth.

Appropriation of
\$10,000 asked for.

APPROVED, the thirty-first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.