

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