

Prayer.

tions and experience of actual travellers over the line of the contemplated road,) and of the increasing necessity for a more facile, safe, comfortable and economical means of transit by land to Oregon and California, which route would also open the means of favorable movement of troops from Fort Ridgely through the Indian country to the Missouri River, thence to Forts Kearny and Laramie, your memorialists deem it their duty to solicit from your Honorable Body, an immediate appropriation of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, to the end that a survey and exploration may at once be made, and a road opened, that the early spring emigrants may enjoy the advantages of this road, which are believed to be important and unquestionable—one-third of said appropriation to be devoted to the survey of the road from St. Paul by Fort Ridgely, to the Missouri River, and the remainder to the survey and marking a route from the Missouri River, by way of Nobles' Pass, to the summit of the Sierra Nevada.

N. C. D. TAYLOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

S. B. OLMSTEAD,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February tenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
Saint Paul, April 3, 1854. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original memorial on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

NUMBER 7.

Feb. 21, 1854.

Memorial to Congress for the establishment of a Road from St. Paul, by way of Little Canada to Rum River.

Preamble, &c.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled: This memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota respectfully sheweth; that, that portion of said Territory included within the limits of the northern portion of Ramsey, and the western portion of Chisago, and north-western portion of Ramsey Counties, is composed of lands which are fertile and inviting to the emigrant, both on account of the quality of the soil, and the abundance of excellent timber, which, but for the difficulty of communication, owing to the present want of bridges and other improvements necessary to establish and open a Road, which may be travelled with ordinary facility, would short-

ly be settled and inhabited by a population, which would soon become the natural and legitimate purchasers of that large and important tract of the public domain, which, for want of the facilities alluded to, remains at the present time mostly an uninhabited wilderness. Prayer

Your Memorialists would further represent to your Honorable Body, that the construction of a road from St. Paul, by way of the present settlement of Little Canada, (so called) in the said County of Ramsey by way of the westernmost branch of Sunrise River in the County of Chisago, to a point on Rum River in the County of Ramsey, aforesaid, near the south-western corner of Township numbered thirty-five (35) north, Range twenty-five (25) west of the fourth principal Meridian; would accommodate and subserve the interests of the settlers, who would rapidly embrace the opportunity to settle and purchase the intermediate lands along the line of said road—would benefit the interests of all portions of the Territory—enhance the value of all government lands contiguous thereto; and greatly subserve the interests of the Government of the United States in its Military transactions, and in its intercourse with the various Indian tribes within the Territory of Minnesota.

Your Memorialists would further represent that owing to the sparseness of the population along the greater part of the line of said proposed Road, we cannot hope for its early completion, without some assistance or appropriation from your Honorable Body to aid in its construction; and your Memorialists would therefore, respectfully pray that you will at as early a day as practicable, appropriate to, and for the construction and completion of the Road aforesaid, a sum not less than five thousand dollars to be expended with and under the proper regulations for the early construction and completion thereof.

N. C. D. TAYLOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

S. B. OLMSTEAD,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

St. Paul, March 3, 1854. }

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J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.