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NUMBER I.

Memorial to the President of the United States for Treaties with the Sioux and Chippewa Indians, for the purpose of promoting their early Civilization.

To his Excellency the President of the United States: The Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota respectfully represents:

1st. That the policy adopted by the present administration for the civilization of the Indians, and engrafted in the recent treaties with the eastern Chippewas, is destined to work a speedy and thorough change in the moral and political condition of those Indians.

2d. That justice to the Indians, no less than the future peace and prosperity of the settlements in a large portion of our Territory, yet a wilderness, demand at the hands of Government, that measures be taken at an early day, to promote the civilization of the Indians inhabiting it.

3d. That the western Chippewas and the Sioux of the Minnesota, Cheyenne and James River, who now occupy a vast extent of excellent agricultural country, which if thrown open to settlement, would soon team with an industrious agricultural population, could, with the assistance of government, soon be induced to abandon their roaming habits, and become permanent residents and agriculturalists.

4th. That all exertions heretofore made by Government for civilizing the Northwestern Indians, have signally failed, because the Indians have been removed from the lands ceded to the United States, instead of being dispersed over them on small tracts reserved for each family for the purposes of agriculture.

5th. That by the location of the Indians in this dispersed condition, on lands dear to them from early associations, the Indians would be relieved from the removals to a new country, so abhorrent to their natures, and would also be relieved from their tribal organizations, involving a community of property, which precludes, as experience teaches, all progress toward civilization.

6th. That by dispersing the Indians over a country just opening to settlement, they must, in a short time, become surrounded by whites, with whom they would feel proud to be identified and whose habits they would soon adopt.

7th. That your Memorialists, satisfied that there should be no delay in the adoption of measures so eminently calculated to secure the inestimable boon of civilization upon the Indians within the Territorial limits of Minnesota, respectfully urge the propriety of negotiating treaties with our western Indians, which shall embrace provisions for their withdrawal from

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their present habits, their advancement to early civilization, and the ultimate enjoyment of all the rights of citizens of the United States.

And as in duty bound your Memorialists will ever pray.

CHARLES GARDNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—March first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

W. A. GORMAN.

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

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

NUMBER II.

A Memorial to the Post Master General of the United States.

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 to Your Honorable Body:

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mail route

That the great increase of population in the counties of Hennepin, Carver and Sibley, in said Territory and the present difficulty of obtaining the mail matter that is due the inhabitants of some of the more thickly settled portions of said counties and the great trouble, expense and delay thereof, make it highly necessary and just that Congress should establish the following described mail route to wit:

A route starting at Minneapolis and running to and through St. Albans and Excelsior, in Hennepin county; thence to and through Chanhassan, Osaska, Carver, and San Francisco, in Carver county, and thence to and through Walker's landing to Henderson, in Sibley county, thence to Traverse des Sioux, in Nicollet county, thence to New Ulm, in Brown county.

Therefore said Legislative Assembly memorialize Your Honorable Body, and pray that Congress establish the above described mail route, and that the mail be transported weekly therein and delivered at each of the several places above designated.

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