

NUMBER X.

Memorial for an Appropriation for Certain Improvements in this Territory.

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

Memorial for
Improvements

That the navigation of the Mississippi river between the Falls of Saint Anthony and Sauk Rapids, a distance of about one hundred miles by the river, and between the mouth of the Minnesota river and the Falls of St. Anthony, a distance of about ten miles by the river, is during the season of low water, obstructed by rocks and other impediments, which a moderate appropriation, judiciously expended, would easily remove and render the navigation of the said river between the points above named, free to steamboats and other water crafts during the entire season of navigation.

And your Memorialists respectfully submit that the benefits which the Government would derive from the improvement above contemplated, would far exceed the amount required to remove the obstacles to the navigation of the said river.

Large amounts of goods are annually transported by the government at a heavy expense, over a long and tedious land route, to supply the different nations and tribes of Indians in the Northern portions of the Territory, and also the military forces stationed at Fort Ripley.

These heavy expenses would be materially lessened were these improvements herein prayed for, made.

The rapidly increasing settlement on the upper Mississippi river, and the new towns building up, is a further reason which respectfully urge in favor of the improvements of said river.

Your Memorialists therefore ask an appropriation of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be expended under the direction and authority of the proper department of the Government.

CHARLES GARDNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN, *President of the Council.*

APPROVED—January sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.
W. A. GORMAN.

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

J. TRAVIS ROSSER, *Secretary of Minnesota Territory.*

NUMBER XI.

A Memorial to Congress for an Appropriation to open a Road from Fort Ridgley to the South Pass in the Rocky Mountains.

Read to South
Pass of the
Rocky Mountains

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:

1st. That the great and increasing emigration from the Northern and Mid-