

## NUMBER XII.

*Memorial to the Post Master General for additional Mail service.*

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 would respectfully represent :

That under the postal arrangements on the route between Dubuque and St. Paul, the mail is required to be carried three times a week.

That during the time the navigation is open on the Mississippi, and when the mail is transported by steamboat, daily service has been ordered.

That the mail during the winter is more bulky, and consequently by diminishing the number of trips, the mail on each trip during the period it has to be carried by land becomes so heavy and cumbersome, that with all the exertions the contractors may use it is almost an impossibility to deliver it in the time specified.

That by increasing the service to a daily mail the interests of the department, as well as those of the citizens of the Territory, would be secured, and the people would be much better accommodated.

That a daily mail to the south and east is necessary to the prosperity of our commerce, as much as the general business of the Territory.

That your memorialists believe that the increased revenue which a daily winter mail would give, would be equal, if not greater than the additional expense that would be incurred.

Your memorialists would, therefore, most respectfully but urgently request that the subject may be favorably considered by the Honorable the Postmaster General, and that daily service may be put on the route between Dubuque and St. Paul at as early a day as convenient.

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.*

W. A. GORMAN.

APPROVED—Feb. twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

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.*

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