

## NUMBER XXIV.

*A Memorial to Congress for an appropriation of \$15,000, for the Improvement of Root River.*

For Appropriations for Improvement of Root River

The Memorial of the Legislative Assembly respectfully represents to your Honorable body: That the navigation of Root river from its mouth to Rushford, a distance of about fifty miles by the river, is obstructed by driftwood and snags, which a moderate appropriation, judiciously expended would easily remove, and thereby render the navigation of said river from its mouth to Rushford, free to steam and other water crafts.

And your Memorialists respectfully submit, that the valley of Root river is already thickly inhabited—that there is quite a surplus of produce raised in the valley which is rapidly increasing, for which the only market is on the Mississippi river, and which is at present almost impossible to attain otherwise than down said river; and, that there are large amounts of goods and merchandise yearly transported into said valley, by tedious and circuitous overland routes, at heavy expenditure, which expense would be materially reduced, and the facilities for emigrants reaching the interior of Southern Minnesota would be very much increased by the improvement herein prayed.

Your Memorialists, therefore, ask an appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars for the improvement of Root river between the points aforesaid, 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—February eleven, 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 my office.

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

## NUMBER XXV.

*A Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota to Congress for an Appropriation for the Construction of a Military Road from Fort Snelling to Pembina, on the West Side of the Mississippi, by way of Minneapolis, Monticello and St. Cloud.*

Memorial for Military road

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 transportation of supplies for the use of the Military and