

XXXIV.

Memorial to Congress for certain Mail Routes in Minnesota Territory

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: For certain mail routes

That the routes on which the mails are now carried are not sufficiently extensive to afford our population the necessary mail facilities, in consequence of immigration into our Territory during the last year.

That your Memorialists, believing that it is the desire of Congress to render to the people of this Territory all proper mail facilities, when the wants of the community are made known, would most respectfully ask that the following routes may be established during the present session of Congress:

From St. Cloud, by way of Mille Lac and Twin Lakes, to Lake Superior

From St. Cloud, by way of Boi des Sioux, to Pembina.

From St. Cloud to Fort Ridgley.

From St. Cloud to Long Prairie.

From Manhattan to Forrest City.

From Manhattan to Mille Lac.

From Manhattan to Greenwood and Glencoe.

From Minneapolis to Chaska.

CHARLES GARDNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February twenty third, 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 XXXV.

Memorial to Congress to alter the form of Red Wing, Winona and Root River Land Districts

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled: For alteration of form of land districts

The Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota respectfully represents:

That the rapidly increasing settlement of the interior of southern Minnesota.—47.

nesota, extending as it now does almost to its western limits, demand an alteration or a re-adjustment of the lower Land Districts in Minnesota, known as Root River, Winona and Red Wing Land District. Your Memorialists would respectfully call your attention to the following statement of facts, viz: Each of the three above named Land Districts, are now only five townships in width, or in other words, thirty miles wide each, while in their length they vary from two to two hundred and fifty miles each.

The Land Offices, as now located, are at the extreme east end of said Districts, consequently settlers in the western part of each District, wishing to transact business at their Land Office, must of necessity, travel from one to two hundred miles over a new country, without roads, and often without settlements. It is not unfrequently the case that the expense incurred in travel to and from the present Land Offices is greater than the primary cost of their lands. Your Memorialists beg leave to say that the removal of the several Land Offices from their present locations to the interior or centre of each respective district, as they are now shaped, would not wholly obviate the evil of which your Memorialists complain—for these reasons: The offices in that case would be only three miles apart from south to north, making only fifteen miles travel north and south of each office, for pre-emptors or purchasers, while east and west they would still have one hundred miles or upwards to travel over, in order to transact business with their office. In view of these facts, your Memorialists beg leave to submit the following plan for arrangement of said districts, believing it to be the best for the accommodation of said Territory:

1st. Commence at the Iowa State line between fifteen (15) and sixteen (16) west, and thence run north on this line to the Mississippi river, which line shall be a dividing line between the first and second district.

2d. Commence at the said Iowa line between ranges twenty-three and twenty-four west, thence run north on that township line to the township line of one hundred and fifteen, which line shall be a dividing line between the second and third districts. Thus forming three districts in convenient form to be known by such names as your body may hereafter designate.

Your Memorialists do not see fit to point out particular points in these proposed districts at which the several Land Offices shall be located, believing your Honorable Body to be the best judges, and will do justice to all. Therefore, we respectfully submit the matter of this memorial to your consideration, feeling a degree of confidence that your body will act favorably to our wishes.

And 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.