

## NUMBER XVI.

*A Memorial to the Post Master General relating to the Mail Service in Southern Minnesota.**To the Honorable A. V. Brown, Postmaster General :*

The Legislature of Minnesota respectfully represents, that the contractors and others in charge of the mails in the Southern portion of the State, are very remiss in the discharge of their duties, often making the public service, as required by their contracts, and the regulations of the Post Office Department, subservient to their private interest ; inasmuch as the carrying and prompt delivery of the mails is made of secondary importance, and contingent upon the carrying of passengers, more especially upon the principal mail lines. Mail bags are allowed to accumulate along the lines, and, being subjected to the caprice or convenience of careless and irresponsible drivers, are often carried to, and left at points remote from their proper destination, and often lost. By this careless neglect, or dilatory and inefficient discharge of duty, on the part of those to whom the mail service is entrusted, the interest and convenience of the public is sacrificed, and to such an extent as not to be longer endured with patience. The people of the southern portion of the State, therefore, through the Legislature, call upon the Department to take such measures in relation thereto as will prevent, for the future, the evil complained of. To this end the Legislature submits, that the appointment of an efficient traveling Mail Agent, with usual powers, would, in its opinion, be most conducive ; and respectfully request the appointment of such Agent for the Southern District of Minnesota.

Memorial relating to mail service in southern Minnesota

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker *pro tem.* of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—February twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }  
February 25, 1858. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.