

APPROVED—August eleventh, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

HENRY H. SIBLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, {
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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

FRANCIS BAASEN, Secretary of State.

NUMBER XXIII.

A Memorial to Congress for an appropriation to complete the Mendota and Big Sioux River Military Road.

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

Memorial to Congress for an appropriation

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully represents, that the Mendota and Big Sioux River Military Road having been completed by the general government as far as the east side of Mankato and Blue Earth River, and the further opening and construction of said road being much needed by a large number of actual settlers who have been induced to locate themselves along and near said line of road, in the expectation that said road would be opened and constructed by the general government, and believing it to be the policy of the government to complete entirely whatever works of national importance they may commence, your memorialists therefore ask your honorable body to appropriate the further sum of ten thousand dollars to aid in the completion of said road from the east side of Mankato in a direction along said line of road towards the Big Sioux River, and in duty bound your memorialists will ever pray.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—June tenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

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NUMBER XXIV.

A Memorial to the President of the United States in relation to Land Sales in Minnesota.

To the President of the United States :

Your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, in Legislative Assembly assembled, respectfully represent, that they most earnestly protest against any further sales of public lands in the State of Minnesota at this time.

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It must be apparent that the entire country is in the midst of financial embarrassments, from which the State is not exempt, and which would not only be aggravated by a land sale, but in Minnesota would result in the ruin and bankruptcy of a large majority of those hardy pioneers, who have settled upon, improved, and made valuable the public lands of the State. Very many have no means of pre-empting; they have no money themselves and such is the present condition of the business public that they cannot even borrow the necessary means, unless at ruinous rates of interest, tending thereby not only to protract, but render permanent the embarrassments under which they now labor.

Our settlers have sought homes in Minnesota, which they have hopefully labored to improve, expending upon them all their energy and in most instances their last dollar, expecting to be enabled to produce from the soil the means of paying for their homes; but if forced to pay now for these lands, made valuable by their labor, must in most cases, lose, not only all they brought with them, but the fruits of their toil, or what is still worse for the prosperity of the State and country, yield them to the exacting demands of the speculator and money-lender. For these injurious results of a sale at this time, and we have alluded to the most prominent, the Government urges the plea of its present necessity of look-