

NUMBER XXXVI.

A Memorial to Congress for the establishment of a Mail Route.

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

Memorial for
the establish-
ment of a mail
route

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully represents to your honorable body, that there are no direct mail facilities between Shakopee, St. Valentine, Rockford, Buffalo, Monticello and Clearwater, and that by the present arrangement it requires eighty miles of travel, by the way of St. Paul and Minneapolis, to obtain mail matter from eight miles distant ; and that the country through which this route goes is thickly populated and requires a mail as often as once per week.

That your memorialists feel full confidence in the desire of the Government to provide all necessary mail facilities wherever desired by the people, and their wishes are made known ; therefore we do most respectfully request that these expressed wishes be complied with, and a route be at once established to the points named, for weekly mail service.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

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

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

February 27, 1858. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.

NUMBER XXXVII.

A Memorial to Congress for an Appropriation for the Improvement of the Mississippi River at Beef Slough Bar.

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

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, would respectfully represent :

First. That whereas the Mississippi River is the most important thoroughfare for the commerce of the North-West, the only line over which the troops and military supplies are conveyed to all of the posts on the frontier of this State; and the line over which the immigration of the north-west must pass.

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Second. That the Beef Slough Bar is the most formidable obstruction to the navigation of the said river, in many instances detaining steamboats for several consecutive days, thereby causing great waste of time and money to the general government, as well as to individuals; amounting annually to at least fifty thousand dollars.

Third. That a small amount of money, economically expended under the direction of a practical engineer, for the removal of said bar, would afford greater facilities to the commerce of the north-west, than the same expenditure in any other enterprise.

Fourth. That we believe from the authority of a practical engineer, who has carefully surveyed and accurately estimated the cost of said improvement, that the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars will permanently improve the river at that point, and make the navigation good at all seasons of the year when it is not obstructed by ice.

We therefore pray your honorable body to appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the proper department, for the improvement of the Mississippi River between the head of the Grand Encampment, in town one hundred and ten (110), north of range ten (10) west, in the State of Minnesota, and the Twelve Mile Bluff, in the State of Wisconsin, and your memorialists will ever pray.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

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

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—January twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
January 27, 1858. }

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CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.