

NUMBER II.

A Memorial to Congress for an Appropriation of money for Improving the St. Croix River, from the Head of Lake St. Croix, to Taylor's Falls.

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

To Congress for
an appropriation
for improving the
St. Croix River

Your Memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represent, That the Saint Croix River, during the season of low water, is so obstructed by rocks and sand bars, as to render the navigation difficult and hazardous; but that by the appropriation and proper outlay of a small sum of money, the said river, between the points designated, could be rendered easily navigable during the entire season for the largest class steamboats used on the Upper Mississippi; and would open a thoroughfare of inland communication to a rich agricultural district, now fast settling up, facilitate the transportation of the mails; and afford to the settlements embraced in the country tributary to the Saint Croix, the exports of which, alone, the past season, notwithstanding the obstruction from low water, reached the sum of half a million of dollars, the speedy development of the various resources of that section of the country, abounding in lumber, agriculture, and mineral wealth, besides affording facilities for reaching the trade and commerce of Lake Superior, and affording to the Government a more speedy access to that region.

Your Memorialists therefore ask that an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be made for the improvement of said river.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Approved January 30th, A. D. 1861.