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*A Memorial concerning the Cession to Minnesota, of the County of Douglas, Wisconsin.**To the honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Wisconsin, in Assembly met:*

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represent, that citizens of Minnesota started and principally settled Douglas County, Wisconsin, and now own probably the largest portion of the lands in that county; that the natural boundary line between the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin is along the waters of the Upper St. Croix river and lake, and thence along the waters of the Bois Brule river to Lake Superior; that Douglas county is separated from the capital of Wisconsin by vast forests, and the only road from Superior, after reaching the State line, (a distance of fourteen miles) runs through Minnesota to St. Paul, a distance of one hundred and forty-six miles; that Saint Paul is the point to which the inhabitants of Superior look for aid in case of danger from Indians, for their mail facilities and newspapers and telegraphs, and also principally for their supplies of flour, provisions, etc.; and that for years past they have been trying to obtain the necessary legislation in order to be connected with the State to which nature and interest would seem to indicate they should be joined.

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Therefore, your memorialists respectfully ask, that Commissioners be appointed to act in conjunction with others from Minnesota, and locate the boundary line along the waters of the Upper St. Croix river and lake, and those of the Brule to Lake Superior; and that the necessary legislation be enacted to enable the citizens with the territory of Douglas county, to be transferred to the State of Minnesota.

Approved, February 16, 1863.