

## NUMBER 5.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE BARS IN THE BED OF THE MINNESOTA RIVER AT ITS MOUTH AND JUNCTION WITH THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

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

This memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully represents that in the Minnesota river in said State and at its mouth and junction with the Mississippi river, below and on the south side of Pike island, and extending up said Minnesota river for nearly one mile, bars are formed by the action of said river, which in low water, prevent the passage of boats from one of said rivers to the other. That the said Minnesota river is navigable from its said junction with the said Mississippi river up to Little Rapids, forty miles, at the lowest stage of water of said Minnesota river, and that it is greatly to the interest of the people living on said Minnesota river that said bars should be removed, to the end that said Minnesota river may be navigated by steamboats during low water.

Your memorialists therefore, respectfully request that an appropriation sufficient to defray the expenses of removing said bars between said rivers be made by Congress, and expended under the direction of the government of the United States for the purposes aforesaid.

Approved January 30, 1879.

## NUMBER 6.

MEMORIAL RELATING TO SWAMP LANDS GRANTED TO THIS STATE.

*The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:*

Your memorialists, the members of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represent that doubts exist as to the validity of certain grants made by the Legislature of this State in aid of the construction of railroads of a portion of the swamp lands granted by Congress to the State for the purposes of internal improvement.

These legislative acts have been made in good faith in the full belief that the appropriation of a portion of such lands are a legitimate exer-