

March 1, 1856.]

A message from the Governor being announced, Mr. Smith appeared and delivered the following message :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, M. T.,
Saint Paul, March 1, 1856. }

President of the Council :

Sir—I am directed by his Excellency to return to the Council “an act to amend an act to incorporate the St. Paul Bridge Company,” in accordance with resolution.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly enrolled :

No. 236, H. of R., to provide for the publication and sale of the Statutes of the Territory.

JOS. ROLETTE, Council, }
W. B. GERE, H. of R., } Committee.

Mr. President :

The House has passed the following House bill :

An act to defray the expenses of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, for the seventh session, A.D. 1856.

In which the concurrence of the Council is solicited.

H. L. EDWARDS,
Chief Clerk, H. of R.

The following letter from his Excellency the Governor was read:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, M. T. }
St. Paul, March 1, 1856. }

I herewith return a bill entitled “an act to provide for paying the expenses of surveying and locating a Territorial Road from St. Cloud to Minneapolis,” with my objections to its becoming a law.

This bill provides for paying out of the Territorial Treasury, five Commissioners for laying out said road, under an act passed at your last session. The same act of last year provided for four other roads and four other sets of Commissioners, who would be equally entitled to pay, out of the Territorial Treasury.

The policy is detrimental to the public good, and establishes a principle which forces the people of the Southern part of the Territory to pay for locating common roads in the North, and *vice versa*.

I have signed two bills this session for paying such Commissioners out of the Territorial Treasury under peculiar circumstances, but the law that these Commissioners acted under, made no provision for their pay, and they therefore were fully aware of the uncertainty of their compensation, and acted only at their peril, and with their eyes open.

It is too late in the session to give further reasons on the manifest impolicy of such acts.

Respectfully,

W. A. GORMAN.

Mr. Ludden moved the bill be passed, the Governor's objections notwithstanding.

Mr. Balcomb moved a call of the Council.

Messrs. Hanson, Lowry, and Rollins absent.

On motion of Mr. Balcomb,

The call of the Council was dispensed with.

The question being put, on the passage of the bill,

And the yeas and nays being called for and ordered, there were yeas 7, and nays 6,
as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. Dooley, Flandrau, Lowry, Rolette, Setzer, Stone, Mr. President—7.

Those who voted in the negative were,

Messrs. Bailly, Balcomb, Freeborn, Ludden, Rollins, Tillotson—6.

The bill was lost.

C.—31.