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APPLICATION OF ILLINOIS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF A POST ROAD.

COMMUNICATED TO THE SENATE, DECEMBER 22, 1829.

To the Congress of the United States: The memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois respectfully sheweth:

That the post road from the town of America, in Alexander county, up the Mississippi river, by Jonesborough, Brownsville, Kaskaskia, and to the seat of justice of Monroe county, is highly important to the United States and this State, and which will be fully shown by the following statement of facts: The town of America is at the head of steamboat navigation on the Ohio river during the dry season, and steamboats are obliged to lie by at or below that place for several months in each year, and discharge their passengers; persons from the western States, who trade to New Orleans and other southern markets, on their return to their homes, and others, are greatly delayed from low water at that place, as above stated, and from the want of a line of stages from the town of America to the upper country; diseases incident to the lower country are often aggravated by the delay of passengers, the subjects of them; and it may be safely said that this delay in the warmer season is every year more or less destructive to human life. In the winter season, steamboats are also often detained by ice at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, but below which there is very seldom, or perhaps never, any material obstruction to navigation from that cause. From these facts it will be seen how desirable a line of stages would be to the point above-mentioned. The mail is now conveyed in stages from Kaskaskia, by the seat of justice of Monroe county, to St. Louis, at which place it intersects the line of mail stages to Galena, by way of Springfield, in Sangamon county, and also the great mail routes into Missouri, Kentucky, and Ohio. From Kaskaskia the mail is also conveyed in stages to Carlyle, on the stage route from Louisville to St. Louis, and to the seat of Government of this State. The road above referred to, from America, by Jonesborough, Brownsville, and Kaskaskia, to the seat of justice of Monroe county, to make it suitable at all seasons of the year for a line of stages, requires the expenditure of more labor and money than the counties through which the same passes can furnish; nor is there any other road leading up the Mississippi river so well calculated for the contemplated mail route as the one here described.

These considerations induce your memorialists to hope that an application for money to improve said road will meet with the favorable disposition of Congress, and the more so as it is understood that the gentleman now at the head of the Post Office Department is desirous to have the mail carried in stages upon the above route. Your memorialists, therefore, hope that your honorable body will pass an act making an appropriation of \$2,000, to be expended under the direction of the Postmaster General, for the purpose of improving the post road from the town of America, on the Ohio river, by Jonesborough, Brownsville, and Kaskaskia, to the seat of justice of Monroe county.

J. McLEAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM KENNEY,
Speaker of the Senate.

Attest:

WM. LEE D. EWING, *Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best exertions to procure an appropriation for the purposes, and to be applied in the manner as above stated.

J. McLEAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM KENNEY,
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APPLICATION OF INDIANA AND ILLINOIS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF A POST ROAD FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

COMMUNICATED TO THE SENATE, JANUARY 20, 1830.

Resolutions of Indiana and Illinois relative to the repair of the mail road leading to St. Louis, &c.

RESOLUTIONS OF INDIANA.

Whereas the great western mail route from Louisville, in Kentucky, via New Albany, Greenville, Paoli, Hindostan, Washington, and Vincennes, through the State of Illinois, to St. Louis, in Missouri, is of great and increasing importance to the citizens of this State and the Union, and merits the attention of the General Government: and whereas a good road has never been constructed on the aforesaid route, and the present one is not unfrequently impassable during a considerable portion of the winter months: and whereas a thoroughfare, so important to the commercial intercourse of our sister States, ought not to depend on the unassisted efforts of a new State, which are clearly inadequate, without the imposition of unjust burdens, to answer the demands of the nation: therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to exert themselves to procure the passage of a law appropriating a sufficient quantity of the public lands to enable the State of Indiana to raise funds adequate to the construction of a good, substantial, permanent road, with suitable bridges and causeways, on all that part of the aforesaid route which passes through