

APPENDIX NO. I.

PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, ON THE FIRST, SEVENTH, TENTH AND SEVENTEENTH DAYS OF JULY, A. D. 1858.

PRELIMINARY MEETING.

At an informal meeting of citizens of St. Paul, for the purpose of considering the practicability of a route from Minnesota to the Northern Pacific Coast, through the valley of the Red River of the North, the Saskatchewan, the Upper Columbia and the gold district of Frazer and Thompson Rivers, Col. WM. H. NOBLE was called to the chair, and J. A. WHEELOCK was appointed Secretary.

Whereupon, a Committee consisting of N. W. KITSON, JAMES RIDPATH, JOHN H. STEVENS, JAMES W. TAYLOR, and J. C. BORDEN, were appointed and requested to communicate to an adjourned meeting upon the subject above named.

Adjourned to meet on the call of the Chairman.

FIRST ADJOURNED MEETING.

An adjourned meeting of citizens of St. Paul and of citizens of Minnesota sojourning in St. Paul, was held at the Fuller House, on Wednesday, July 7, at 8 P. M. Col. WM. H. NOBLE, of St. Paul, resumed the chair, and Mr. E. PIERCE, of St. Peter, was appointed Secretary.

Mr. JAMES W. TAYLOR, from the committee previously appointed, presented the following report upon the general subject of an overland route, and the natural features of the regions connected with it.

GEOGRAPHICAL REPORT.

It is now established that a District of British Oregon, holding a relation to Puget Sound, similar to that of the Sacramento Valley to