To the Board of County Commissioners of the county of Anoka, State of Minnesota:

The undersigned land owners, whose lands will be liable to be affected by, or assessed for the expense of, the construction of the public ditch and branches hereinafter described, would respectfully represent that the public health, convenience and welfare require the establishment and construction of a public ditch and branches along the following described route in the town of Columbus in said county of Anoka; that the construction of the same would be of public benefit and utility, and is necessary for the following reasons, to-wit: That large areas of land along the course of the proposed ditch and branches are now wet, overflowed and rendered useless and of small value for farming or other purposes, which, by the establishment of and construction of the proposed ditch and branches, would be drained, improved and rendered useful and of great value for farming and other purposes, and the public health would be improved by the removal of large quantities of stagnant water along the course of the proposed ditch and branches.

A general description of the proposed starting point, route and ter-

minus of said ditch is as follows:

Commencing at lowest point in marsh near the center of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of sec. 16, twp. 32, Rng. 23, thence running along the following route: southwesterly across said SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of said sec. 16, and across corner of the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of said section 16, and southerly across the west half of the SE 1/4 of said sec. 16, and southeasterly across the northeast quarter of sec. 21, said townand range, to Columbus Lake, so-called, and through said Columbus Lake to its outlet, and following generally the course of the outlet creek of said Columbus Lake, to Rice Creek in section twenty-three, said town and range, and terminating in said Rice Creek in said section as its outlet; also such branch or branches as may be necessary and proper to render said ditch most useful, effectual and beneficial.

And your petitioners pray that you will proceed to establish such public ditch and branches and caused the same to be constructed as provided by chater two hundred and thirty of the general laws of 1905, chapter 44 of the revised laws of 1905, and the laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

Dated July 9th, 1906.

N. O. Rumby John Koch Anton Boyer Joe Wittmann G. B. Shafer Fred M. M**hn**kenheim Mrs. M. Schott

Petitioners.

#46. Drainage Blank. Petition of N. O. Rumby and others for a public ditch in the town of Columbus in the county of Anoka. Filed in the office of the county auditor of Anoka county, Minnesota, this 20th day of August, A. D. 1906.

Arthur A. Caswell. County Auditor.

tate of Minnesota,)ss.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, complete and correct copy of the petition of N. O. Rumby and others for a public ditch in the tom of Columbus, as shown by the records in this office. Dated Dec. 2, 1906.

County Auditor.

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