

NUMBER II.

A Memorial to his Excellency, James Buchanan, President of the United States.

The Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represents,

That for the security of the inhabitants of that portion of the Territory known as the Sioux Half Breed Reservation, also to facilitate the further settlement and secure the general prosperity of the same, it is necessary that the said reserved lands be offered for public sale. And your memorialists would therefore respectfully urge, that in accordance with the 3d section of the Act of Congress, approved July 17th, 1854, entitled an Act to authorize the President of the United States to cause to be surveyed the tract of land in the Territory of Minnesota, belonging to the half breeds or mixed bloods of the Dakota or Sioux nation of Indians, and for other purposes, all the land in said tract not then otherwise disposed of, be offered for public sale at the land office for the district in which said land is situated, at the earliest time practicable.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—May fifteen, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

S. MEDARY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
SAINT PAUL, July 22, 1857. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

CHAS. L. CHASE,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

NUMBER III.

To Hon. Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Interior.

Your Memorialists, the Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represent,

That the Territory of Minnesota has formerly accepted, by Legislative enactment, the trust created by Congress in making a grant of land, in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of certain Railroads in this Territory, as specified in an Act of Congress entitled "an Act making a grant of land to the Territory of Minnesota, in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of certain Railroads in said Territory, and granting lands in alternate sections to the State of Alabama, to aid in the construction of a certain Railroad in that State," approved March 3d, 1857, and have by legal enactment disposed of the lands so granted to several Railroad Companies, under such provisions and restrictions as will secure the faithful application of the lands so granted to the purposes intended, and will compel the early completion of the several lines of Railroad specified in said act of Congress. But to facilitate the construction of these roads, so important to the growth and permanent prosperity of this Territory and as an act of justice to the several Railroad Companies who have undertaken this great work, your memorialists respectfully ask that the right of pre-empting the lands along the line of these Railroads for the width of fifteen miles on each side of the same, may be suspended till the lines of these roads may be definitely located by the respective Companies or for the period of four months, in order that the several Companies may obtain, as near as possible, their full quota of land as intended in said Act of Congress, and thereby be the better able to press the work of constructing these several Railroads to a more speedy completion. A copy of the Act of this Legislative Assembly, disposing of this grant to the several Companies, will be forwarded with this Memorial, the provisions of which will sufficiently indicate the line or direction of the several Railroads intended to be constructed by the avails of said grant, as to enable the Department to designate the sections of country through which the right of pre-emption is respectfully requested by your memorialists, to be withheld.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—May twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

S. MEDARY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
SAINT PAUL, July 22, 1857. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

CHAS. L. CHASE,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.