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*A Memorial to Congress for the Amendment of Section Second of an Act granting land to Minnesota for Railroad Purposes.*

*To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled :*

Memorial for amendment of sec 2 of an act granting land for railroad purposes

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represent, that the provisions contained in Section Second of 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, &c., which Section Second of said Act provides that the sections and parts of sections of land which by such grant shall remain to the United States, within six miles on each side of said road and branches, shall not be sold for less than double the minimum price of the public lands when sold, nor shall any of said lands become subject to private entry until the same shall have been first offered at public sale, at the increased price. Prevents the settlement and improvement of a large quantity of the best agricultural land in our State, and places them beyond the reach of the poor man, and in the end places those lands in the hands of speculators and land monopolies. Your memorialists therefore ask your honorable body to amend said Section Second of said Act, and provide for the private entry of said lands by the actual settlers, at the minimum price of other public lands, as your memorialists in duty bound will ever pray.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker *pro tem.* of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—February twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

February 27, 1858. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.