

means of military protection.

While it is not doubted that the actual service of the State Militia, if required to suppress Indian depredations, would constitute a valid claim upon Congress for reimbursement to the State, it has, however, been shown in several instances, that economy can better be promoted by defending the frontier, with the military force of the United States. The immediate occupation of Fort Abererombie by a company of dragoons, or other suitable force, will operate alike as seasonable justice and economy. If a force is maintained there for a few years, sufficient to protect the settlers in that neighborhood it may be reasonably expected that the frontier extending even below that point, will then become so generally occupied as to render it safe to dispense with the post altogether.

By the consent of Congress, considerable money has already been expended in improvements on the site of Fort Abererombie, and in the survey of a large body of the public lands in its vicinity. But as long as there is no protection to the settlers, these outlays will have been fruitless, and the public lands so surveyed may for years remain unoccupied.

Wherefore, your memorialists respectfully, but earnestly request that Fort Abererombie may be immediately garrisoned with a sufficient military force.

AMOS COGGSWELL.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

President of the Senate.

Approved, February tenth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }
February 10th, 1860. }

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

J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.

NUMBER II.

A Memorial for the Extension of the Reciprocity Treaty.

To the President of the United States:

The memorial of the Legislature of Minnesota respectfully

represents—

Memorial to Con-
gress for the ex-
tension of the
Reciprocity Tre-
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That the commercial interests of the United States would be promoted by extending to the Hudson's Bay Territory the provisions of the Reciprocity Treaty, concluded the fifth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, between the United States and Great Britain.

Also, that such means for commercial intercourse would tend to foster and strengthen the friendship now happily existing between the inhabitants of that Territory and the people of the United States occupying the Territory adjacent thereto.

Wherefore, your memorialists respectfully ask, that negotiations be entered into with the proper authorities, for the extension of the provisions of said treaty as above requested.

AMOS COGGSWELL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

President of the Senate.

Approved January ninth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }

January 9th, 1860. }

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J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.

NUMBER III.

A Memorial to Congress for a Mail Route in Fillmore and Mower counties.

Your Memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represent:

Memorial to Con-
gress for estab-
lishing mail route

That the citizens of Fillmore and Mower counties in said State would be greatly accommodated by the establishment of a weekly mail route from Chatfield by the way of Carimona, Forrestville, Cherry Grove, Etna and Alba, to Leroy, in Mower county. The proposed route is in a south-westerly direction, and is about thirty-eight (38) miles in length, through mostly an improved and settled agricultural region, and over good roads. The country to be supplied is con-