

stantly increasing in population by emigration, and your memorialists believe that the establishment of the route will both encourage the settlement of the public lands and be a source of revenue.

AMOS COGGSWELL,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
IGNATIUS DONNELLY,  
President of the Senate.

Approved, January twenty-third one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }  
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ALEX. RAMSEY.

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J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.

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NUMBER IV.

*A Memorial to the President of the United States.*

*The Memorial of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota respectfully represents :*

That the inhabitants and citizens of said State, being on and near the eastern and southern boundary line of the Sioux Reservation, as fixed and indicated by the treaty of Mendota, entered into between the United States and the Med-ay-wee-Kan-toan and Way-pay-Kon-tay bands of Dakota and Sioux Indians, August fifth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, have always understood that said eastern boundary line was by the west line of Range number thirty-one (31), west of the fifth principal meridian, and the southern boundary line by the Big Cottonwood river, in said State, and that the Indians composing said bands have always understood that the boundaries above indicated were the eastern and southern boundaries of said Reservation.

Memorial to the  
President of the  
United States  
praying for the  
relief of settlers  
on Sioux Reser-  
vation

That under a survey made by the United States Government, or under its authority, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, a creek or stream which runs into the Minnesota river about one mile east of the west line of Range number thirty-one (31), was established as Little Rock river, and a line running due south from the mouth of

said Little Rock river to the Little Cottonwood river, a distance of about thirteen miles, thence in a north-westerly direction, was fixed upon and established by said Government surveyors as the eastern and southern boundaries of said Reservation, all of which is more specifically set forth in the accompanying map.

That relying upon the terms of said treaty, and the information given by Government officers at Fort Ridgely, and the United States land officers of the district in which said lands are situated, a number of inhabitants of this State have during and since the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, entered upon and made extensive improvements upon the lands lying between the line now established as such boundary line, and the west line of range number thirty-one (31) and the Little Cottonwood river.

That such Indian bands having been informed that said boundary line has been removed by said survey east and south of the said settlements and improvements, have become abusive and hostile toward the said inhabitants.

That some of said settlers had been allowed to enter their claims at the proper land office before the establishment of said last mentioned line, and that the Government have received pay from the settlers for a portion of said lands lying between said lines.

That upon one of the claims thus entered and paid for, a saw mill and other improvements in addition to agricultural improvements of great value have been made.

Your memorialists, therefore, respectfully pray and urge that steps may be immediately taken to relieve the settlers upon those lands, by purchasing from the said Indian tribes the tract of land lying within the boundaries aforementioned, and a line running due south from a point on the south line of the Fort Ridgely Military Reserve, to the south line of the Sioux Reservation, comprising about sixty-six (66) square miles; and if a treaty cannot be effected, that Government will take steps forthwith to indemnify the white settlers upon said land for the improvements made by them, and the price paid by them for such lands as they have entered.

AMOS COGGSWELL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

President of the Senate.

Approved February eighth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA. }

February 8th, 1860. }

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J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.