

would otherwise speedily fill up with an enterprising population; that the contact of races so dissimilar is a positive injury to both; and that the drunken and plundering habits of the Indians wandering throughout the surrounding country, in the pursuit of game, renders the citizens of your Government insecure in their lives and property.

Your memorialists would further represent that, for the past five years, the citizens of this State have put forth their utmost endeavors to bring this matter to the notice of the General Government, and that their repeated petitions on this subject have utterly failed in every instance.

Therefore, your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, would respectfully ask that a special committee may be appointed by Congress to make an early examination of this matter, and inquire what reparation justice warrants and wisdom indicates for those who have suffered; and would further ask that, if possible, these Indians may be removed to some part of the public domain better suited to their habits and well-being as a race, and that no treaty allowing them to occupy their present Reservation, either in a body or in severalty, may be ratified.

And, as in duty bound, your memorialists will ever pray.

AMOS COGGSWELL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

President of the Senate.

Approved February twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }

February 28th, 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 VI.

A Memorial for a Fort of the United States in the valley of the Pembina river.

To the Congress of the United States:

The Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully

urges the construction and occupation of a military post, near the international boundary at some point in the valley of the Pembina river, which is best adapted to protect the settlers on the American side of the border, as well as the English settlements at Selkirk, from the aggressions of the Sioux Indians who occupy the plains between the Red river of the North and the Missouri river.

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Pembina mountain, near the mission and village of St. Joseph, and thirty miles west of the junction of the Pembina and Red rivers, is a favorable site and is recommended to the attention of Congress.

The commercial and other relations of Minnesota and the upper Mississippi States to the settlements in Central British America at Selkirk and elsewhere, and the probability that the latter will soon be organized as a Colony of England, renders it, in the judgment of the Legislature, eminently desirable that the flag of the United States should be advanced and stationed in the immediate vicinity of the important point, where the navigable channel of the Red river of the North passes across an imaginary line from the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States into that of Great Britain.

AMOS COGGSWELL

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

President of the Senate.

Approved February twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

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NUMBER VII.

A Memorial to the Postmaster General for increase of Mail Service.

To the Honorable Postmaster General of the United States:

The memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully represents—