

NUMBER IV.

A Memorial for the removal of the Winnebago Indians.

To the President and Secretary of the Interior,—The Legislature of the State of Minnesota would respectfully represent :

That the location of the Winnebago Indians upon the present reservation, in Blue Earth and Waseca counties in this State, has proved to be a grievous, though an unintentional wrong against the people of that section of Minnesota, and the presence of these savages in the midst of a fertile and populous portion of our country, is at this time, a serious annoyance to its peaceful inhabitants, and a barrier to its future development and prosperity.

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Your memorialists would further represent that these savages are located in the midst of a country, inferior perhaps to no other in the State for fertility and agricultural productions, within three miles of the Minnesota river, on a fertile, agricultural tract of country, which their idle dispositions will ever prevent them from improving.

Your memorialists would further represent that from intelligence recently received, it appears altogether probable that some of the Winnebagoes were actually engaged in the recent outrages in connection with the Sioux, and we are fully satisfied that a portion, at least, of the braves of the tribe, could easily be induced to join in an outbreak whenever they could be reached by Sioux emissaries.

Your memorialists would further say, that to live adjacent to those savages after humanity itself has been so outraged by the recent unutterable atrocities committed by their race upon the defenseless and unsuspecting inhabitants of our country, is more than can reasonably be expected from a people who have lost all confidence in Indian integrity or Indian professions of friendship.

In view of these facts your memorialists feel justified in asking for the immediate removal of the Winnebago tribe of Indians from the borders of our State, as the only safety for life and property, and the only means which will secure to this section of our State the continuance of the present remaining portion of its population.

Approved, September 23d, 1862.

NUMBER V.

A Memorial asking that the President of the United States expend the appropriation for a Fort on the Red River.

To the President of the United States :

The Legislature of the State of Minnesota would respectfully memorialize the President of the United States to authorize the Secretary of War to expend the appropriation "for the construction of a military post on or near the Red River of the North," passed by Congress, (approved March 2d, 1861,) at once in reconstructing and improving Fort Abercrombie.

Asking the President to expend the appropriation for a fort on the Red River

Your memorialists would respectfully represent that such Fort is essential and necessary for the protection of the northwestern frontier, and that the present emergency requires prompt action in order to render the same efficient, in restoring the confidence of our frontier population, and to enable them to return to their deserted homes with safety.

Approved September 27th, 1862.