

## NUMBER VII.

*A Memorial to Congress to repair the Government bridge across the Blue Earth River, on the Mendota and Big Sioux Road.*

*To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled—your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represents :*

That during the last spring freshets, the Government bridge across the Blue Earth river, in Blue Earth county, in this State, was so much injured by high water as to render it useless.

To repair the government bridge across the Blue Earth River

That in times like the present, when our whole frontier is in a state of war, a bridge at this point is a military necessity for transportation of troops, munitions and provisions for our army ; and further, your memorialists would respectfully say, that a large extent of the frontier of our State is accessible through this channel.

That during periods of the year the Blue Earth River is impassible without a bridge, and a large section of country is thereby cut off from all communication with the eastern settlements ; that at this time, in consequence of the present Indian troubles, which are extending through that section, nearly all of the settlers west of the Blue Earth River have been driven from their homes, leaving that section of country unprotected, and if those are induced to return to their homes it must be with confidence that nothing will be neglected on [the] part of the Government to give them reliable and permanent protection ; and your memorialists would further say, that it is very uncertain as to the duration of the present Indian difficulties, and it will be necessary during the continuance of those difficulties, to transport troops and munitions of war to that section of country over the Big Sioux road ; and the loss of the present bridge is a serious obstruction to the speedy transportation of men and

munitions of war to that section of the State: Your memorialists would therefore pray your honorable body to take immediate measures to repair the present bridge over the Blue Earth River, on the Mendota and Big Sioux road as speedily as the same can be done.

Approved September 23d, 1862.

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NUMBER VIII.

*A Memorial to the President of the United States, and to the Secretary of the Interior, in reference to the withholding of the payment of a certain appropriation made by congress, in favor of the Winnebago Indians.*

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

In reference to the withholding of the payment of a certain appropriation in favor of the Winnebago Indians

That, whereas congress, at its recent session made an appropriation of \$50,000 for the purpose of erecting buildings and making other improvements looking to the permanent location of the Winnebago Indians in our midst; therefore, in view of the recent unparalleled Indian outrages in our State, and the highly excited condition of the public mind in relation to the same, in behalf of our endangered and unfortunate people we solemnly protest against the expenditure of any portion of the said appropriation for the purposes indicated, and we earnestly call upon the President and Secretary of the Interior to promptly take the necessary steps to suspend any expenditure whatever out of the appropriation above mentioned.

Approved, September 23rd, 1862.