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A Memorial to the Congress of the United States, to extend the Benefits of the Pension Law of 1861-'62, to the Sufferers by the Sioux Raid.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, would respectfully represent :

That during the late Indian raid, many citizens of Minnesota were killed, and others wounded and permanently disabled, so as to render them incapable of maintaining themselves and families by manual labor, more especially as in most cases, their entire personal property was taken or destroyed by the savages; that many hundreds have received, and will continue to receive, at least until spring, needful aid from the State; that your memorialists do not believe that it is just that the State should be obliged to make permanent provision for the support of said sufferers, but believe that it is the duty of the United States to protect its people against Indian depredations.

To extend the benefits of the pension law of 1861-'62 to the sufferers by the Sioux raid

We would therefore ask of your honorable body to extend the benefits of the Pension Law, passed at your session 1861-'62, to all persons permanently disabled by wounds received in said raid, and to all widows or families who may have lost their husbands or fathers in said war, in all respects as if said persons had been killed or wounded in the military service of the United States.

Approved, February 16, 1863.