

## MEMORIALS.

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[No. 1.]—Memorial to Congress for an appropriation to construct a Military Road from Fort Snelling to the mouth of Sioux river on the Missouri.

October 20, 1849.

*To the honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:* The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represents, That up to this period, no method of communication has been established between the Missouri and Mississippi rivers above the line of the State of Iowa; no road has been constructed, and consequently this vast region remains almost inaccessible to the troops of the United States, as well as to private individuals. In the event of hostilities with the wild and powerful tribes within the limits of Minnesota and on the borders of Iowa, it would be difficult for a military force to penetrate into the country. Although mostly a prairie region, it is thickly interspersed with lakes, dense thickets and bodies of timber, and is irrigated by many streams.

Preamble, etc.

Your memorialists believe it to be highly necessary that your honorable body should appropriate a sufficient sum for making a military road from Fort Snelling on the Mississippi, to the mouth of Sioux river, a tributary of the Missouri river, both as regards the safety of the exposed frontiers and the advantage of the government itself, for looking forward to a speedy extinction of the Indian title, a large and magnificent tract of country will be thereby opened to the enterprising immigrants, unsurpassed in beauty and fertility, and fully capable of sustaining a dense population.

Your memorialists would further state, that the practicability of making the road has been already ascertained by a reconnoissance made several years since by a party of dragoons, under Captain Boone, of the United States Army, by whom the route from Fort Leavenworth, on the Missouri, was marked out, and they are convinced that it can be constructed for a comparatively small sum.

Your memorialists would respectfully urge upon your honorable body, the appropriation, at the next session, of a sufficient sum for that purpose.

Prayer, etc.

APPROVED, the twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

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[No. 2.]—Memorial to Congress relative to the purchase of the Sioux Indian lands west of the Mississippi River.

October 20, 1849.

*To the honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:* Your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully rep-

Preamble, etc.