

Prayer, etc.

Your memorialists therefore pray, that your honorable body will take into consideration the expediency, propriety and justice of acceding to the general wish of the people of Minnesota, by granting the prayer of your memorialists: That one hundred thousand acres of land, now belonging to the United States, or which may become a part of the domain of the United States by the treaty about to be made with the Sioux, be granted to the Territory of Minnesota, subject to the control of its Legislature, either in one or more tracts, or in such manner as your honorable bodies may deem most efficacious for the attainment of the object aimed at—the endowment of a University, which shall be the property of the Territory: to be governed and taught in such manner, and by such officers, as the Legislative Assembly of the Territory may direct or appoint.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

M. E. AMES,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

D. B. LOOMIS,

President of the Council.

APPROVED, February nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
St. Paul, May 13, 1851. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original on file in this office.

C. K. SMITH,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

March 12, 1851.

[No. 2.]—*Memorial to Congress asking for a donation of land to the County of Benton.*

Preamble, etc.

To the honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives, of the United States, in Congress assembled: The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota respectfully represents: That the county of Benton is situated in the midst of an Indian country, and is sparsely settled and peculiarly exposed to the invasion and depredation of the Indians, especially the Winnebagoes and Chippewas; that a large portion of said county is excellent farming lands, no portion of which was ever surveyed and made subject to pre-emption until within a few weeks past: that this circumstance, added to the frequent outbreaks and trespasses perpetrated on the inhabitants, have, in the absence of a work house, jail, or any other proper places of confinement, rendered the administration of the laws comparatively inefficient, and deterred farmers and settlers from making their residence and fixing their homes in that otherwise most desirable portion of our Territory. The few that have settled in said county, are altogether too few in number to afford each other mutual protection, and too destitute of means at present, for building a jail, court house, and other necessary county buildings, essential to an efficient execution

of the laws in their midst: Your memorialists would further state, that the forty thousand dollars so generously placed at the disposal of the Governor and Legislature, to erect public buildings, has been by them, ordered for these purposes, to be expended in Ramsey and Washington counties, to wit: at St. Paul and Stillwater; both at a great distance from the settlements of Benton, whither it would be very inconvenient and expensive to the county to transport each petty trespasser, even if it were proper to use a penitentiary for common jail purposes. Now therefore, in consideration of the premises, and of the fact that a large portion of the land in said county is unappropriated by sale or settlement, your memorialists respectfully ask a donation of one township of land therein, in behalf of said county, to be located by the County Commissioners, and placed at their disposal, to be by them applied to the speedy erection of county buildings. Your memorialists are the more earnest in their prayers, as Benton is the only organized county in the Territory which has not received a liberal portion of the public appropriation to Minnesota.

Prayer, etc.

M. E. AMES,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 D. B. LOOMIS,
President of the Council.

APPROVED, March thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
 St. Paul, May 13, 1851. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original act, remaining on file in this office.

C. K. SMITH,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

[No. 3.]—*A Memorial to Congress relative to Settlers on Sections number Sixteen and Thirty-Six.*

March 31, 1851.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled: The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, respectfully represents: That, *Whereas*, sections numbered sixteen and thirty-six, are by the Organic Act of this Territory, reserved from sale, for school purposes, and no provisions made to secure the rights of those who in good faith, entered upon and improved said lands previous to the survey, or before the passage of said act of reservation: that great injustice is done those persons who belong to that meritorious class, that sacrificing the comforts and conveniences of the older settlements, push their way beyond the confines of civilization, constituting its advance guard, encountering the dangers, and enduring the hardships and privations ever incident to the settlement of new countries; who subdue the soil, converting the wilderness into cultivated wealth, smoothing the path for the thousands who follow after, who give value to lands that without them would

Preamble, etc.