

of the soil," for which purpose the most wise, judicious and liberal provisions have been made by the United States' commissioners in the treaties concluded.

This conviction, beyond all others, led the Indians to accept the propositions of the government, through its commissioners, for the cession of their country, to obtain annuities which would enable them to commence a new mode of life, and to concentrate the different bands under more favorable auspices, thereby carrying into practical effect the humane and paternal policy of the government toward the Indian tribes.

Treaty of Pem-  
bina.

Your memorialists would further respectfully represent, that on the twentieth day of September last, a treaty was concluded at Pembina, in this territory, between Gov. Alex. Ramsey, commissioner on the part of the United States, and the Chippewa Indians, whereby a large and fertile tract of land, well timbered and highly suited for agricultural purposes, lying on each side of the Red river of the North, was ceded to the United States on the most favorable conditions.

Necessity of its  
ratification to set-  
tlers.

Already there is established at Pembina a flourishing colony of energetic inhabitants, natives of this north-western region, and either citizens of the United States by birth or adoption; and many more are now anxiously awaiting the ratification of this treaty to become citizens and obtain a right in fee simple to the soil and their future permanent homes, and thereby establish on a fixed basis, a rising colony which will prove of inestimable benefit on our north-western frontier; and, besides, its early ratification would confer a justly entitled boon on a meritorious class of our population.

Your memorialists, in conclusion, beg leave to represent that the early ratification of all these treaties, is the most serious and earnest desire of the population of this territory; and as the representatives of the whole people, your memorialists most respectfully and urgently pray for their early ratification during this session of your honorable body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. LUDDEN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
WM. HENRY FORBES,  
*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—Feb. sixth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

ALEX. RAMSEY.  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
St. Paul, July 25, 1852. }

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

ALEX. WILKIN,

*Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.*

March 5, 1853.

[No. II.] A MEMORIAL to Congress relative to a further appropriation for the construction of a road from Point Douglas to the Saint Louis river.

Provable.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:* The memorial of the legislative assembly of the the territory of Minnesota respectfully represents,

that the importance of the above road to the United States government in a military and pecuniary point of view, as well as to the people, has been fully recognized and acknowledged by Congress in making an appropriation for said road and authorizing its survey and construction; that the completion of this road will reimburse the government to a very great extent, from the ready sale thereby given to the excellent farming and timber lands through which the line of said road passes, the settlement and purchase of which will be much expedited, by the opening the means of communication between the now detached points; that the opening of said road immediately from Stillwater to Snake river, (being mostly through the already surveyed government lands) is a matter of very vital importance to the United States government, and the interest of the territory of Minnesota; that a large portion of the present appropriation has already been expended upon the survey of said road; and the balance remaining, between eight and nine thousand dollars is entirely inadequate to its proper construction, even for the distance of the road between Stillwater and Snake river; the completion of which is of immediate and pressing importance; that the settlement of the valley of the St. Croix, the purchase of the timber land upon that river and its tributaries; the occupation and beneficial use of the numerous mill sites and privileges upon these streams, will all be strongly promoted and stimulated by its construction, and that independent of all this, the government will reap an additional advantage, by thus at once, opening the communication between Lake Superior, and the Mississippi, and intermediate points, from the sale of its lands for agricultural, manufacturing, mining, and other purposes; from the speedier, surer and cheaper transportation of the mails, supplies, munitions of war, troops, &c., &c., from point to point; and from the increase of population upon the frontier by settlement and emigration, which is sure to follow the completion of this road, and which will be evidenced in every advance made in the construction of its different sections.

Wherefore we respectfully and earnestly urge your honorable body to consider the necessity of a further and additional appropriation, commensurate with the importance of this work, in the development of the greater interests to be affected by it, and to sustain and render of practicable benefit to the government and people, the action already had and taken upon the subject by Congress, which without a further appropriation would be rendered almost nugatory.

FRYER, &c.

J. D. LUDDEN,

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