

the establishment of an Agricultural College for the State of Minnesota would tend greatly towards placing the State among the foremost in Agricultural wealth, thereby inducing the speedy settlement and cultivation of the Public Lands. But to place such a College upon a firm basis, and to develop its objects will require the purchase of lands, the erection of buildings, the establishment of numerous and adequate professorships, and a larger, earlier and more permanent endowment to secure success, than the Legislature can possibly provide.

Memorial for a
Donation of Land
for an Agricultural
College

The Legislature further represents, that in a country so thoroughly agricultural as the United States, and contemplating the nature of the great trust of the Public Lands, with an enlightened and comprehensive forecast, no more legitimate and no wiser disposition can be made of limited portions of them, than for the instruction of men in multiplying the productions of the earth, and thus conducing to their comfort and higher civilization.

The Legislature of Minnesota therefore prays that the Congress of the United States will donate so much of the Public Lands within the State as may be deemed necessary for the purpose, to be conveyed by the General Government to the constituted authorities of the State of Minnesota, for the use of an Agricultural College for the State of Minnesota.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker *pro tem.* of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—February second, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

February 2, 1858. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office. CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.

NUMBER XIII.

A Memorial to Congress for the relief of such Settlers, whose Claims have been lost by the Grant of Lands to Minnesota for Railroad purposes.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represent,

Memorial for the relief of such settlers whose claims have been lost by the grant of lands

That there are numerous bona fide settlers within this State, who have located and settled upon certain lands under the pre-emption laws, whose location and settlement date from six to eighteen months prior to the Grant of Lands to aid in the construction of Railroads, and who have made improvements thereupon to the value of from two hundred to fifteen hundred dollars. That many such persons have made their declaratory statements, as required by law, but by reason of some negligence on the part of the Land Officers, or the usual accidents and casualties of business, the said declaratory statements of pre-emption have not been registered or filed, as required by law, and that in consequence thereof, these settlers are in danger of losing their rights, property and improvements thereupon by reason of the selection of their said lands, by the different Railroad Companies.

It becomes therefore a just and equitable duty on our part, to respectfully urge upon your honorable body the enactment of a law or laws, by which any settler, who has bona fide located upon any land granted as aforesaid for the term of three months prior to the grant of said lands to said Railroad Companies, and who has made improvements thereupon, to the value at least of one hundred dollars, may prove such facts before the proper District Land Office, and upon satisfactory proof thereof, may enter the lands, so located upon, in the manner prescribed by law for pre-emptors generally.

And your memorialists will, as in duty bound, ever pray, &c., &c.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

March 13, 1858. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.