

NUMBER XIV.

A Memorial to Congress for an Appropriation of Money to aid in the construction of a Road from St. Cloud via Alexandria and Breckenridge, to Ft. Abercrombie, on the west bank of the Red River of the North.

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

Your Memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully, but earnestly represent, That a suitable road from St. Cloud, in Stearns County, in this State, by way of Alexandria and Breckenridge, to Fort Abercrombie, on the west bank of the Red River of the North, is urgently demanded.

For an appropriation to construct a road from St. Cloud to the Red River of the North

This route during the past year has been used almost exclusively by the vast number of teams going in the direction of the Selkirk Settlement and the Red River. Experience has shown it to be the best and most feasible route. The supplies for the Hudson's Bay Company are carried over it, also the Government supplies for Ft. Abercrombie and the Indian tribes in the north west of this State, as well as for those in Dakota Territory.

At present there are but few settlers along the line of this road, to aid in keeping it in repair. The citizens of Douglas and Stearns counties have already expended near three thousand dollars in efforts to improve the road. The route as at present used is about one hundred and eighty miles in length, but by a reasonable appropriation of money by Congress, used in the construction of bridges, and in filling and grading, the distance could be lessened at least forty miles.

The General Government having manifested so great an interest in the proper improvement of this important line of communication, we trust there will be no reluctance in granting our request.

Understanding that the Post Master General has a contingent fund under his control for the use of such roads, we respectfully ask that a portion of it, say to the amount

of ten thousand dollars, may be set apart and appropriated for the use of the improvement aforesaid.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

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NUMBER XV.

Memorial to Congress, and Joint Resolutions, asking that the Lands reserved for the uses of a Territorial University, under the Act of February 19th, 1851, may be donated for the benefit of said Territorial University.

To the Congress of the United States:

The Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully represents :

That the Territory of Minnesota established a University in 1851 ; and that the Regents of the Territorial Institution contracted debts, relying on the proceeds of the lands reserved for the use of said Territorial University, under the act of Congress of February 19th, 1851, and duly selected, for the liquidation of the same.

Asking donation of lands for the benefit of Territorial University

Your Memorialists, therefore, pray that the lands reserved for the Territorial University, under the provisions of said act, may be donated by Congress for the use of said University.

Resolved,—That the Governor of the State forward a certified copy of the foregoing Memorial and Joint Resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress, and that they be requested to use their influence to procure the speedy passage of an act vesting the title in the State to the lands above mentioned, already reserved and selected by an act of congress.

Approved March 6th, A. D. 1861.