

MILITARY ROAD.

CHAPTER 69.

A MEMORIAL TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY ROAD FROM
FORT RIDGLEY, MINNESOTA, TO FORT RANDALL,
DAKOTA TERRITORY.

*To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States:*

The legislature of the territory of Dakota would respectfully represent, that at present there is no traveled road connecting Fort Ridgley with any point in southern Dakota, and that the recent Indian troubles in Minnesota and Dakota fully show, first, that, in a military point of view, it has become of the greatest importance and interest to the government that there should be such a connection by a good and practical wagon road. Your memorialists are further convinced of the necessity of the construction of such a road, when it is remembered that the unprotected state of the Big Sioux valley will require a military post at or near the falls on said river, at a very early date; and that the most practical route between the two Forts, would be by way of the said falls and Yankton, the capital of the territory, on the Missouri, to Fort Randall. And whereas, there is now no traveled routes between said Forts, except the route by Spirit Lake and Sioux City, Iowa; therefore, your memorialists would pray that an appropriation of thirty-five thousand dollars be made, or such other sum as shall be deemed adequate to lay out and construct a military road connecting these two points via Sioux Falls and Yankton, a distance of two hundred and seventy miles, thereby shortening the distance from Fort Ridgely and southern Minnesota to Fort Randall and southern Dakota, one hundred miles. And your memorialists would further represent, that all mails from southern Minnesota would pass over the same, and that all emigration from Wisconsin and southern Minnesota, to Dakota,

Asking for a
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from Ft. Ridgley
to Ft. Randall.

would pass over said road, instead of passing over the circuitous route now traveled, by Spirit Lake and Sioux City, Iowa; and that said road would pass over a fine rolling country, free from impracticable obstructions, well watered, and nearly every acre of which is susceptible of cultivation, and your memorialists will ever pray.

ORGANIC ACT.

CHAPTER 70.

A MEMORIAL PRAYING CONGRESS TO AMEND SECTION SECOND OF THE ACT PROVIDING A TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT FOR THE TERRITORY OF DAKOTA.

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

Amendment of
Organic Act,
asked for.

Your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would most respectfully represent to your honorable bodies that section 2nd of the act providing a temporary government for the territory of Dakota confers unlimited veto power upon the governor of said Territory; and your memorialists earnestly pray that the aforementioned section be so amended as to give the legislature the power to pass laws by the usual two thirds majority.

Delegate in-
structed.

Sec. 2. That our delegate be and is hereby instructed to bring this subject to the immediate notice of congress.

APPROVED January 3, 1863.