

RAILROAD AND TELEGRAPH.

CHAPTER 71.

**MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS,
PRAYING THAT SECTION FOURTEEN OF "AN ACT TO
AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILROAD AND
TELEGRAPH LINE FROM THE MISSOURI RIVER TO
THE PACIFIC OCEAN, AND TO SECURE TO THE GOV-
ERNMENT THE USE OF THE SAME FOR POSTAL,
MILITARY AND OTHER PURPOSES," APPROVED JULY
FIRST, A. D. 1862, MAY BE AMENDED.**

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

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the territory <sup>Amendment
asked for.</sup> of Dakota, would most respectfully represent to your honorable bodies, that an amendment to section fourteen of said act, that would require the Sioux City branch of said railroad to commence at Sioux City, Iowa, thence running west along the north side of the Missouri river, to a point at or near the mouth of the Nebraska, or Running Water river, thence up the valley of said river, on the most practicable route, connecting with the main trunk of said railroad at the most practicable point on the said railroad, a yet nearer than I would be advantageous to said railroad, and would pass over a natural route, on a direct western course, through a country well supplied with timber of the best quality, abounding in coal and water along the whole route, and upon the Nebraska valley plenty of pine timber suitable for the construction of the road; and if the reports from explorers are to be credited, there is plenty of bituminous coal, which we believe are large inducements for the consideration of said amendments. Your memorialists would further represent that the present location of said branch road is through a barren country, entirely destitute of timber

and stone, and almost worthless, and running a south-west course to its connection, making a difference in the distance in favor of the proposed route of over one hundred miles to Fort Laramie, and the route via the Niobrara valley would open a country rich and fertile to the advancing wave of civilization, and be advantageous to government, as it would facilitate the settlement and disposal of the public lands. Trusting that this, our prayer, will receive your early attention, your memorialists will, as in duty bound, ever pray, &c.

Delegate instructed.

Be it resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota, That our delegate in Congress is hereby requested to use all honorable means to obtain the said amendment.

APPROVED January 7, 1863.

UNIVERSITY OF DAKOTA.

CHAPTER 72.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS ASKING AN APPROPRIATION OF LANDS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF DAKOTA.

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

Asking appropriation of lands.

WE, your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would represent, that while the appropriation of public lands, by your honorable body, for the support of common schools is large and munificent, and one that will place the common schools of our territory upon a good and sufficient financial basis, yet there is needed for the more advanced education and discipline of our youth a university of high grade and character, and that it is our belief that such an institution is as essential to the preservation of our republican institutions as is the common school; and we would further represent, that