

are occupied, and very liable at all times to be destroyed by ^{same} fire, together with their valuable contents.

And your memorialists would further represent, that the legislative, executive, and judicial records, files, libraries, furniture and valuables of said Territory are without suitable protection, and liable to injury and total destruction owing to the want of adequate provision for their preservation and safe keeping.

Your memorialists would therefore pray that you will appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars for the erection of a capitol building at the place that now is or may hereafter be designated as the seat of government of said Territory. And we, your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Be it resolved by the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, That his excellency the governor be and is requested to forward an authenticated copy of this memorial and resolution to our delegate in congress, who is hereby requested to lay the same before the congress of the United States, and urge immediate and favorable action thereon.

Approved, January 14, 1864.

BRIDGES

CHAPTER XLIV.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS ASKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES IN THE TERRITORY OF DAKOTA.

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

We your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota would most respectfully represent to your honorable bodies that an appropriation be made by congress ^{Asking an appropriation to construct bridges.}

Same.

for the purpose of constructing bridges across the principal rivers in this territory, over which the great thoroughfare from the south east to the north west in the valley of the Missouri passes and over which road all the United States troops and trains belonging thereto must pass to reach the upper country and also, a great portion the Indian goods furnished by the government, to the different Indian reservations on the said Missouri river, as well as the military forts and posts, already established on said river.

Your memorialists, would further represent, that the present necessities are greater growing out of the Indian troubles and the consequent military operations for the subjugation of the hostile tribes who roam in the valley of said river.

And that our sister territory, Nebraska, has been favored in like manner, which greatly facilitated the travel, and consequently the settlement of said territory, and enhanced the value of the public lands in the same.

Your memorialists would further represent that it is an assistance which all other territories have been favored with, except Dakota, we therefore, ask what we believe will result in a great saving to the general government, and at the same time confer substantial benefits upon the people of Dakota.

And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Approved, January 14th, 1864.