

Your memorialists would therefore earnestly petition you to appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the erection of a territorial prison in said Territory; and we would further state that the saving to the general government of the large amounts annually expended in the Territory for guarding and keeping criminals, would soon make up the amount your memorialists petition for, and for which we shall ever pray.—
Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, that our delegate in congress be, and is hereby requested to use his influence to procure the objects indicated in the above memorial and resolution.

Resolved, That his excellency the Governor, be requested to forward an attested copy of the above memorial and resolution to our delegate in Congress, who is hereby instructed to lay the same before the Congress of the United States, and urge immediate and favorable action on the same.

Approved, January 13, 1864.

PUBLIC LANDS

CHAPTER XLIX.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC LANDS IN DAKOTA.

WHEREAS, The policy, thus far, pursued by the present national administration in withholding from market, and from the grasp of greedy speculators, the public lands within the territory of Dakota, thereby allowing the same to be located and improved by actual tillers of the soil, is eminently calculated to encourage immigration, and promote the settlement, development and general improvement and prosperity of this territory; be it, therefore,

Relative to the
public lands in
Dakota.

Same.

Resolved, by the legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota, That by the wise and fostering policy above mentioned, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, merit, and are hereby petitioned to receive the heartfelt thanks of the people of Dakota.

Resolved, That our delegate in congress be, and is hereby requested, to present President Lincoln, Secretary Usher, and Commissioner Edmunds, each, with a copy of the above resolution, and in the name of the people of this territory, to petition them to withhold the public domain within said territory from sale, and to reserve the same sacredly, for the use and benefit of the thousands of poor, industrious families who may desire to secure happy homes within our borders, by availing themselves of the just and liberal provisions of the homestead law.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor, be, and is requested to transmit three authenticated copies of the foregoing resolutions to our delegate in congress.

Approved, January 14th, 1864.

STATE OF THE UNION

CHAPTER L.

JOINT RESOLUTION ON THE STATE OF THE UNION.

Relative to the
state of the
Union.

WHEREAS, The National Government is endeavoring to put down a rebellion which had its origin in the determination of Southern politicians, to extend the dominion of slavery, and to diminish the area of Freedom; for the accomplishment of which they sought to control by political strategy, or by force,