

UNIVERSITY

CHAPTER LI.

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 :

We, your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota, would represent, that while the appropriation of public lands, as provided by the act organizing this territory, for the support of common schools, is large and munificent, and will, in time, place the common schools of our territory upon a good and lasting financial basis; but as these lands can only be made available after the territory shall become a state, many years must elapse before the people can derive any benefit from said appropriation. And as there is needed, for the more advanced education of our youth, a university of high grade; and as we believe that such an institution is as essential to the interests and wellbeing of our people as are the common schools; and we would further represent, that as initiatory steps have already been taken toward the organization and incorporation of the university of Dakota, but as suitable buildings have not been provided for the use of said university, and as no appropriation has yet been made for its endowment, we, your memorialists, would, therefore, most respectfully, petition you to appropriate twenty thousand acres of public lands in this territory, to be selected and disposed of for the endowment of the university of Dakota; and also, the appropriation of five thousand acres of public lands in this territory, to be selected and disposed of, and the proceeds thereof used in the erection of university buildings, at the town of Vermillion.

Asking an appropriation of lands for the University of Dakota.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

State of the
Union.

Be it resolved, That our delegate in congress be, and is hereby instructed to use his best endeavors to procure the appropriations specified in the above memorial.

Approved, January 13, 1864.