

the Big Sioux river and Fort Randall, to be used by such military forces in the pursuit of Indians committing depredations upon our settlers.

Copy to be sent
to delegate to
lay before
Congress,

Be it resolved by the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, That a copy hereof properly authenticated be forwarded by the secretary of the council, to our delegate in Congress and he is hereby requested to present the same to the secretary of war and urge immediate action thereon.

CAPITOL BUILDING.

CHAPTER 35.

A Memorial to Congress Praying for an Appropriation to Erect a Capitol Building in Dakota Territory.

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

Asking Congress
for an appropriation
to erect a
capitol building
in Dakota.

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would most respectfully represent, that whilst Congress has uniformly made adequate appropriations for the erection of suitable capitol buildings for the organized territories, not a dollar, thus far for that purpose, has been appropriated for this territory.

Your memorialists would further represent, that the buildings thus far occupied, by the legislative assembly and the several federal officers of this territory, are rented of private individuals and are wooden tenements, in all respects unsafe, unsuitable and unfit for the purposes for which they are used, liable at any time to be destroyed by fire, together with their valuable contents.

And your memorialists would further represent, that the legislative, executive, and judicial records, files, libraries, furniture and other valuables of said territory are utterly destitute of suitable protection, and liable to injury and total destruction owing to the want of adequate provision for their preservation and safe keeping.

Your memorialists therefore would most earnestly pray that an appropriation of not less than forty thousand dollars be made for the erection of a capitol building at 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 an authenticated copy of this memorial be forwarded 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.

Delegate requested to lay subject before Congress,

CODIFICATION OF LAWS.

CHAPTER 36

A Memorial to Congress Asking for an Appropriation to Codify the Laws of Dakota Territory.

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota would respectfully represent, that the laws of Dakota enacted from time to time need revision and codification, and for this purpose would recommend and pray that an appropriation be made by congress of ten thousand dollars to compensate a commission of competent persons to make said revision.

Asking for an appropriation to codify the laws.

And they would further recommend and ask that the secretary of this territory be authorized to employ such persons as in his judgment are qualified to perform the duties of such commission of revision, and to pay a reasonable compensation to the persons so employed, and also to pay the expenses of printing, &c.

Resolved, That our delegate in Congress be respectfully requested to bring the foregoing to the immediate attention of Congress, and use all honorable means to bring about the asked for appropriation.

Delegate requested to bring matter to attention of Congress