

this military district, against hostile Indians, there will be in the course of two or three years, flourishing settlements along this whole route.

Further, your memorialists would represent, that this is by far the most direct and shortest route to Montana, Idaho, and the Pacific states, for all the north-western states and territories.

Therefore, your memorialists respectfully ask the establishment of this route with a weekly or semi-monthly mail service on the same, at the earliest practicable period.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

MAIL SERVICE

CHAPTER 46.

A Memorial to the Post Master General requesting service on Mail Route No. 15,562.

To the Hon. Post Master General of the United States :

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would most respectfully represent, that it is important to the interests of the States and Territories of the north west that a direct mail communication be established between a point on the upper Missouri in the vicinity of Sioux city, Iowa, and Virginia or Bannock city, Montana Territory. Your memorialists would therefore pray that service, at least once per week, be ordered upon mail route No. 15,562, from Sioux city, Iowa, via Vermillion, and Yankton, in Dakota Territory, Niobrarah, in Nebraska Territory, Gallatin, to Bannock city in Montana Territory, on the route of Col. Sawyer's wagon road, as contemplated by the act of Congress providing for the construction of said road. And that this request may be promptly granted, your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Requesting
mail service on
route between
Sioux city, Iowa
and Bannock
city, Montana.

Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota, That authenticated copies of this memorial be forward-

Copies of memorial to be sent to delegate and A. W. Hubbard to lay before P. M. General.

ed to the Hon. W. A. Burleigh, delegate in Congress from Dakota, and the Hon. A. W. Hubbard, member of Congress from Iowa, who are hereby respectfully requested to lay the same before the honorable Post Master General.

CHAPTER 47.

A Memorial to the Post Master General in Relation to the Establishment of a Daily Mail from Sioux City, Iowa, to Yankton, Dakota Territory.

To the Honorable Post Master General:

Asking for a daily mail from Sioux city to Yankton.

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, in view of the growth and increasing prospects of that section of this Territory bordering on the Missouri river and between the Big Sioux river on the east and Yankton the capital of Dakota on the west, would most respectfully urge a daily mail service between the said points beginning at Sioux City, Iowa, and terminating at Yankton.

Your memorialists would most respectfully represent, that the section of country above designated is already well settled with an industrious and intelligent population whose interests would be very much enhanced by the establishment of such mail service, and further, the town of Vermillion lying about midway between the above points has already reached a position of considerable commercial importance, as has several other points along the route. Yankton, the capital of Dakota, the most prosperous, thriving and promising town west of Omaha, Nebraska Territory, has attained a position of such commercial, social, and literary importance that these interests each demand the favor prayed for.

Your memorialists would further make mention of the fact that bodies of U. S. troops are at all times stationed at Vermillion and Yankton, and that in this connection the interest of the general government in making and receiving rapid communications to and from the military stations at these points, would seem to indicate that such mail services should be established.

Your memorialists would further represent, that the distance between Sioux city and Yankton is sixty miles, and the service asked for would accommodate eight post offices daily, being the number between Sioux city and Yankton, besides affording increased mail facilities to several military posts that receive their mail from Yankton.

And, as in duty bound, your memorialists would ever pray.

MILITARY HEAD QUARTERS

CHAPTER 48.

A Memorial to the Hon. Secretary of War, Praying that the Head Quarters of the Upper Missouri Military District be established within the Territory of Dakota.

To the Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would most respectfully represent, that in their opinion, it would be economy on the part of the government, besides affording much better protection to the citizens of northern Nebraska, western Minnesota, and north western Iowa, as well as the territory of Dakota, against hostile Indians, to remove the head quarters of this military district from its present location to some suitable point on the Missouri river within this territory, between the Big Sioux river and Fort Randall. By the diagram accompanying this memorial it will be observed that the city of Yankton, the capital of this territory, and other eligible points within the limits mentioned, are much nearer the several military posts now established on the frontier, than any eligible point east of the Big Sioux river, and in order to avail itself of this advantage, the government has deemed it necessary to keep a large amount of military stores at the above named town, in charge of an A. A. Quarter Master and a guard of troops.

Asking that headquarters of this district be established within the territory of Dakota.