

Your memorialists would most respectfully pray, that a sufficient appropriation be made by your honorable body in addition to the unexpended balance of the Sheyenne Wagon Road appropriation, to enable a thorough scientific exploration to be made by Dr. Hayden, during the present season in connection with the opening of said road, under sufficient military force, to take undisputed possession of the Black Hills, and establish a permanent military post therein.

And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

Approved, January 9th, 1867.

CAPITOL BUILDING.

CHAPTER X.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS ASKING AN APPROPRIATION
TO ERECT A CAPITOL BUILDING AT THE SEAT OF GOV.
ERNMENT IN DAKOTA TERRITORY.

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

Your memorialists the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would respectfully represent, that while Congress has uniformly made appropriations for the erection of capitol buildings in the several territories of the United States, the Territory of Dakota has received no aid from the general government for such a purpose, and deeming the matter of sufficient importance to demand your attention, (the general government as well as the Territory of Dakota being interested therein) we respectfully ask that this subject be considered by your honorable bodies.

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Your memorialists would represent that the buildings at present occupied by the several federal officers, and in which the sessions of the legislative assembly are annually held, are illy suited for such purposes; being uncomfortable during the season in which, by law, the legislature holds its sessions, and the several officers are compelled to be constantly at their places of business; and we would further represent, that the rents annually paid for the present buildings used and occupied, for which the general government is responsible, would, in a few years, pay the expense of erecting a suitable building for the accommodation of the various federal officers and the legislative assembly.

Your memorialists would further represent, that as at present situated the valuable papers, records, documents, &c., are without a secure place wherein they can be safe from destruction by fire, or from theft, and we regard their preservation of vital consequence to our Territory. Your memorialists regard this matter of paramount importance to Dakota, and would therefore pray that you will appropriate forty thousand dollars for the erection of a capitol building at the seat of government in Dakota Territory.

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

Be it resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota, That a copy of this memorial be forwarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate, of the United States Congress, and one copy to our Delegate in Congress; *And further,* That his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to sign this memorial and to unite with us in urging and securing a favorable response to this memorial.

Approved, January 10, 1867.