

MILITARY ROAD.

CHAPTER XXII.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS PRAYING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY ROAD FROM ELK POINT TO SIOUX FALLS 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 most respectfully represent, that Fort Dakota, a military post established at Sioux Falls, in the county of Minnehaha, and now garrisoned with troops, is situated about sixty miles north of Elk Point, the county seat of Union county, on the Missouri river at which point the military road leading to Fort Randall, passes.

Praying for a
military road
from Elk Point
to Sioux Falls

Your memorialists would further represent, that all the supplies for the garrison are transported by teams from the Missouri river, starting from Sioux city, and carried by the way of Elk Point above named, as that is the nearest point to said military post where supplies can be obtained.

And your memorialists further represent, that to facilitate and cheapen the transportation to said post, a road should be laid out and established from Elk Point up the Big Sioux river valley to Fort Dakota, passing in a direct line through a section of country that will soon be settled with a class of pioneers who in a few years will relieve the government of the expense of a garrison at that point.

Your memorialists would further represent, that upon this proposed route there are but two prominent streams to be bridged, a few smaller ones also to be bridged and some small

sloughs to be graded. These improvements will require a small appropriation, and your memorialists most respectfully ask that your honorable bodies will grant a sum of ten thousand dollars for the purposes represented in this petition.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

PENITENTIARY.

CHAPTER XXIII.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS PRAYING FOR AN APPROPRIATION TO ERECT A PENITENTIARY IN DAKOTA TERRITORY.

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

Praying for an appropriation to erect a Penitentiary at Bon Homme.

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would most respectfully represent, that the first legislative assembly convened after the organization of said territory by an act thereof, designated Bon Homme as a place where the territorial penitentiary should be erected.

And your memorialists would further represent, that succeeding legislative assemblies have enacted wholesome laws for the good government and well being of the people of said territory, many of which are inoperative for the want of a jail or penitentiary, whereby such penalties as may by law be adjudged, may be inflicted.

Your memorialists would further represent, that the settled portion, or that which is most rapidly filling up, is that bordering the Missouri river; which is becoming a thoroughfare for the travel to and from the gold regions of Montana and Idaho,