

and stone, and almost worthless, and running a south-west course to its connection, making a difference in the distance in favor of the proposed route of over one hundred miles to Fort Laramie, and the route via the Niobrara valley would open a country rich and fertile to the advancing wave of civilization, and be advantageous to government, as it would facilitate the settlement and disposal of the public lands. Trusting that this, our prayer, will receive your early attention, your memorialists will, as in duty bound, ever pray, &c.

Delegate instructed.

Be it resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota, That our delegate in Congress is hereby requested to use all honorable means to obtain the said amendment.

APPROVED January 7, 1863.

UNIVERSITY OF DAKOTA.

CHAPTER 72.

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:

Asking appropriation of lands.

WE, your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would represent, that while the appropriation of public lands, by your honorable body, for the support of common schools is large and munificent, and one that will place the common schools of our territory upon a good and sufficient financial basis, yet there is needed for the more advanced education and discipline of our youth a university of high grade and character, and that it is our belief that such an institution is as essential to the preservation of our republican institutions as is the common school; and we would further represent, that

initiatory steps have already been taken toward the organization and incorporation of the university of Dakota, and that as soon as the necessity of the territory demands, suitable buildings will be erected or otherwise provided for the use of said university; and as no appropriation has yet been made for its endowment, we, therefore, your memorialists, most respectfully petition your honorable body to appropriate one half of a sections of land in every township, not otherwise appropriated, in the territory of Dakota, to be disposed of in a manner similar to that prescribed for the disposition of common school lands, and the proceeds thereof used exclusively for the endowment of the university of Dakota. And your memorialists will ever pray. Delegate instructed.

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