

MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS.

MILITARY POSTS.

CHAPTER 92.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION [RELATIVE TO MAKING FORT RANDALL A DISTRIBUTING POST.]

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

Relative to
making Fort
Randall a dis-
tributing post.

YOUR memorialists, the legislative assembly of Dakota Territory, respectfully represent, That your department could materially enhance the business and growth of this territory by making Fort Randall the distributing depot for the North-West, instead of Fort Leavenworth. Your department must be aware that freights can be transported via Fort Randall to Laramie and Salt lake much cheaper than by any other route. While the route by the Niobrara valley is equally practicable, the distance in overland transportation is at least three hundred miles less than from Fort Leavenworth. It is needless to remind you of the obvious advantage to border settlements resulting from the establishment of an important military depot in this [their] midst. It is an assistance with which all other territories have been favored except Dakota. We ask what we believe will result in a great saving to the general government, and at the same time confer substantial benefit upon the people of Dakota. And we shall ever pray.

Be it resolved by the council and house of representa-

tives of the Territory of Dakota, That our delegate in congress be, and hereby is requested to use all honorable means to bring this subject to the favorable consideration of the proper department.

Delegate in congress instructed.

Approved May 12, 1862.

W. JAYNE, *Governor.*

CHAPTER 93.

A MEMORIAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE TERRITORY OF DAKOTA PRAYING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY POST AT SIOUX FALLS CITY.

To the President of the United States :

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, beg, most respectfully, to represent to your Excellency that military protection should be, and we pray that it may be afforded to the settlements in Eastern Dakota and Western Iowa, by the immediate establishment, and occupation of a military post at Sioux Falls city, on the Big Sioux river; and your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

For the establishment of a military post at Sioux Falls city.

Approved April 24, 1862.

W. JAYNE, *Governor.*

CHAPTER 94.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS PRAYING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FORT IN THE VALLEY OF THE RED RIVER OF THE NORTH.

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

Your memorialists of the legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota would respectfully represent that

Whereas, an appropriation has been made, by a late session of congress, for the construction of a United States fort in the

Appropriation already made.

valley of the Red river of the North ; and, whereas, the expenditure of said appropriation has been delayed, causing great discouragement among the settlers, thus retarding the development of a country rich in natural resources : Therefore your memorialists do earnestly petition that such fort may be constructed at an early date, at some point within the territory on the Pembina river.

Immediate building necessary, and the objects.

The urgent necessity of the immediate building and garrisoning of such a fort will appear still more obvious, when the fact is considered that a bitter feud has long existed between the Chippewa and Sioux Indians, the Red river of the North being the only barrier between these contending tribes, and, in the absence of an armed force to prevent hostilities between these tribes, it is rendered extremely dangerous for our citizens to use the Red river of the North as a thoroughfare for the transportation of merchandise and mails.

Objects.

Your memorialists would further represent that they do not deem it necessary for them to enlarge upon the importance of keeping open a line of communication between St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Red river settlements, as they have heretofore memorialized the congress of the United States upon that subject, in connection with a request that a treaty be made with the Chippewa Indians of Pembina and Red lake ; and your memorialists would now represent that unless said treaty is formed and a fort erected and occupied in the vicinity of Pembina, the peace of the country will be endangered and the prosperity of this flourishing territory seriously impeded : for it is not an unfrequent occurrence that white settlers have been deprived of their property by these bands of Indians, and many of them, in the thinly settled portions of the Red river valley, have been inhumanly butchered by these predatory bands of Indians.

Same.

Finally, your memorialists will conclude by representing that incalculable advantages will be derived by this territory, if protection is only afforded to the tide of immigration now steadily advancing towards British America.

For which your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Approved April 30, 1862.

W. JAYNE, *Governor.*