

MILITARY ROADS.

CHAPTER 96.

A MEMORIAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE TERRITORY OF DAKOTA TO CONGRESS, FOR AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MILITARY ROADS.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

The memorial of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota respectfully represents :

Supplies for soldiers and Indians.

SECTION 1. That the transportation of supplies for the use of the military and Indian departments of government on the Upper Missouri, forms an important item of the expenditures for these departments in this territory.

Supplies necessarily carried by land.

SECT. 2. That during the season of low-water, the supplies for these departments must be carried by land a distance of some hundred and fifty miles, over roads that have been constructed temporarily, and at great expense, and therefore as yet inconvenient, and, at certain seasons of the year, difficult to pass over.

Difference in cost, if over good road.

SECT. 3. That the difference in the cost of transportation of government supplies would, in a few years, repay the government for an expenditure of money in the construction of a good road for the transportation of military and Indian supplies necessary for Fort Randall and the Yankton Sioux agency.

Open valuable lands.

SECT. 4. That the construction of a military road would tend to open to settlement a large tract of valuable agricultural lands along the line of the road, and thus by the increased value of the government lands, contribute largely toward refunding to the national treasury any expenditure in constructing such road. Your memorialists would therefore most respectfully, but urgently ask your honorable bodies to make an appropriation of ten thousand dollars for the construction of a military road commencing opposite Fort Randall and

Appropriation asked for road between Fort Randall and Sioux city.

running down on the east bank of the Missouri river, via Greenwood on the Yankton agency, mouth of Choteau creek, Springfield, Bon Homme, Yankton, Vermilion, and Elk point to Sioux city, Iowa. And as in duty bound your memorialists will ever pray.

Approved April 5, 1862.

W. JAYNE, *Governor.*

CHAPTER 97.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MILITARY ROAD.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota :

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, respectfully represent:

That the interest of that portion of our territory being on the west side of the "Red river of the North," would be greatly advanced by the construction of a military road, commencing at a point on the west bank of the said river opposite Georgetown, in Minnesota, thence to Pembina, in this territory.

Road asked for between Georgetown, Minn., and Pembina, Dakota.

Your memorialists further represent, that the government has been very liberal in the construction of similar roads in Minnesota during her territorial organization, among which are the territorial roads leading west from points on the Mississippi river to points on the said river, and we respectfully represent that this is but a continuation of said roads.

Object.

That said road will also run through a great portion of public lands a distance of one hundred and twenty miles, and across numerous streams, important in size, and the construction of said road will thereby tend to develop the resources of that section of our rapidly improving territory, and at the same time confer a great boon on the hardy pioneers who have already settled thereon. Your memorialists further represent that a large trade is carried on between the Red river settlements and St. Paul, Minnesota, which require large trains of carts to annually pass over this route to and from these points; and that from this date large trains, in going to and from the

Cariboo and Saskatchewan gold mines, in British America, will be compelled to travel this route. Your memorialists would further represent that there are streams, to the number of ten, that would require good bridges, and numerous smaller ones of less importance that would require bridging to insure the safety of transit for the different conveyances which pass through this section.

Appropriation
asked for.

And to aid in the construction of this road, your memorialists would respectfully urge upon your honorable body an appropriation of the sum of ten thousand dollars, and that the expenditure of this sum may be placed in charge of the War Department, to be used for the above-named purpose under the direction of said department.

And in duty bound your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Approved May 3, 1862.

W. JAYNE, *Governor.*

CHAPTER 98.

[MEMORIAL TO ESTABLISH A ROAD FROM THE EASTERN LINE OF THE TERRITORY NEAR SIOUX FALLS TO YANKTON.]

To the Congress of the United States:

The legislature of the Territory of Dakota would respectfully represent:

Minnesota
state road.

Best route
between Forts
Ridgley and
Randall.

Appropriation
called for.

That, whereas, the state of Minnesota has, by a recent act of its legislature, established a state road from Mankato west to the line between Minnesota and the Territory of Dakota, in the vicinity of Sioux falls; and, whereas, this is the most direct route from Fort Ridgley to Fort Randall; and, whereas, there is now no travelled route between said forts, except the route by Spirit lake and Sioux city, Iowa, therefore your memorialists would pray that an appropriation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be made, or such other sum as shall be deemed adequate to lay out and construct a military road from the western terminus of said state road by Sioux falls to Yankton, a distance of ninety miles, intersecting at that

place a road from Sioux city to Fort Randall, thereby shortening the distance from Fort Ridgley and Southern Minnesota to Fort Randall and Southern Dakota, one hundred miles.

And your memorialists would further show, that all mails from Southern Minnesota would pass over the same, and that all emigration from Wisconsin and Southern Minnesota to Dakota would pass over said road instead of passing over the circuitous route now travelled by Spirit lake and Sioux city in Iowa. ^{Mails from Minnesota.}

It is further shown, that said road would pass over a fine rolling country, free from marsh and slough, well watered and timbered, nearly every acre of which is capable of cultivation. ^{Of the country traversed.} And your memorialist, will ever pray.

Approved April 20, 1862.

W. JAYNE, *Governor.*

INDIAN TREATIES.

CHAPTER 99.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION [RELATIVE TO A PROPOSED TREATY WITH THE BRULE SIOUX INDIANS.]

To the Honorable Secretary of the Interior:

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would respectfully represent that the interests of this territory would be greatly promoted, and its early settlement rapidly hastened, if the Indian title to the country now claimed and occupied by the Brule Sioux Indians was extinguished. ^{Treaty of cession asked for.}

Only a small fragment of the vast region embraced within the boundaries of Dakota, is open for settlement. ^{Country needed for white settlements.} These Indians possess a belt of land extending from the Missouri to the Niobrara rivers, and lying next beyond the country ceded