

MEMORIALS AND RESOLUTIONS

BLOOD HOUNDS.

CHAPTER 34.

A Memorial and Joint Resolution Relative to the Introduction of Blood Hounds into this Military District.

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, for and in behalf of the people of said territory, most respectfully represent as follows:

Since the territorial organization of Dakota, and prior to the inception of our Indian war and ever since that time and the establishment of military posts along our settlements, our people have been frequently subjected to sudden descents of small bodies of Indians for the purpose of theft or murder, or both, who after accomplishing what they sought, disappeared as suddenly as they came. By taking to the timber or reeds and tall grass which skirt our rivers and small streams they have in nearly every instance successfully evaded the pursuit of both our citizens and government troops. The experience of years have taught our people that the white man is not the equal of the Indian in skulking prowess, and that in order to capture and properly punish this class of Indians, as well as to intimidate others from like acts of murder and rapine, it is necessary some reliable auxiliary be added to the military forces in this district. Therefore we your memorialists most earnestly pray that for the better protection of the lives and property of our citizens, the military department of the general government may deem it both just and necessary to place a small number of blood hounds at each military post in this district between

Requesting the introduction of bloodhounds for the purpose of pursuit of Indians committing depredation

the Big Sioux river and Fort Randall, to be used by such military forces in the pursuit of Indians committing depredations upon our settlers.

Copy to be sent
to delegate to
lay before
Congress,

Be it resolved by the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, That a copy hereof properly authenticated be forwarded by the secretary of the council, to our delegate in Congress and he is hereby requested to present the same to the secretary of war and urge immediate action thereon.

CAPITOL BUILDING.

CHAPTER 35.

A Memorial to Congress Praying for an Appropriation to Erect a Capitol Building in Dakota Territory.

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

Asking Congress
for an appropriation
to erect a
capitol building
in Dakota.

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would most respectfully represent, that whilst Congress has uniformly made adequate appropriations for the erection of suitable capitol buildings for the organized territories, not a dollar, thus far for that purpose, has been appropriated for this territory.

Your memorialists would further represent, that the buildings thus far occupied, by the legislative assembly and the several federal officers of this territory, are rented of private individuals and are wooden tenements, in all respects unsafe, unsuitable and unfit for the purposes for which they are used, liable at any time to be destroyed by fire, together with their valuable contents.

And your memorialists would further represent, that the legislative, executive, and judicial records, files, libraries, furniture and other valuables of said territory are utterly destitute of suitable protection, and liable to injury and total destruction owing to the want of adequate provision for their preservation and safe keeping.