

## FORT JAMES.

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### CHAPTER XII.

#### A MEMORIAL TO MAJOR GENERAL TERRY, ASKING FOR A RE-OCCUPANCY OF FORT JAMES IN DAKOTA TERRI- TORY.

*To Major General A. H. Terry, Commanding Department  
of Upper Missouri.*

Asking for the  
re-occupancy  
of Fort James.

Your memorialists the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would most respectfully represent, that Fort James on the Dakota river in said territory has been abandoned.

Your memorialists state that this fort has sufficient quarters, barracks and buildings to accommodate one company of soldiers, that the government now has at this point 125 tons of hay in stack. Hard wood can be furnished at this post at a less price than the contract prices for cottonwood at Fort Randall.

In our opinion, this post is of more practical utility for the defence of the inhabitants of Dakota than any other military post on the Northwestern frontier.

Your memorialists further state, that this post furnishes the only obstacle to the approach of hostile Indians to the capital of the territory by the route of the Dakota river.

Your memorialists further state that the temper of the Indians in the northwest appears to demand that Fort James, in Dakota Territory, should be occupied by federal troops as speedily as practicable.

And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.