

## MAIL SERVICE.

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### CHAPTER XX.

A MEMORIAL TO THE HON. ALEXANDER RANDALL, POST MASTER GENERAL, U. S., PRAYING THAT THE MAIL SERVICE ON ROUTE NO. 13801 FROM SIOUX CITY, IOWA, TO FORT RANDALL, DAKOTA TERRITORY, BE INCREASED.

*Sir :*

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of Dakota Territory, would most respectfully represent, that an increase of mail service on route No. 13801 from Sioux city, Iowa, to Fort Randall, Dakota Territory, is necessary for the public good ; that the said route runs along the north bank of the Missouri river one hundred and forty miles through a country well settled, and passes through the seat of government of the territory and several other thriving towns ; also, that all the military posts and Indian agencies on the upper Missouri river receive their mail via this route and that an increase of service would do much to expedite government business with the different departments. Your memorialists would therefore request that service be increased to six times per week.

*Praying for an increase of mail service.*

And as in duty bound, your memorialists, will ever pray.

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## MILITARY POSTS.

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### CHAPTER XXI.

A MEMORIAL TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR, PRAYING FOR THE ERECTION OF A MILITARY POST AT THE NORTH BASE OF THE BLACK HILLS.

*To the Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War :*

Praying the establishment of a military post in the vicinity of the Black Hills.

Your memorialists the legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota, would most respectfully represent, that the wants and wishes of the people of this territory and the traveling public on the road to Montana and Idaho would be promoted by the establishment of a military post at some suitable point on the north fork of the Sheyenne river, near the northern or western base of the Black Hills. The establishment of such a post at some point in the region above pointed out, would serve the double purpose of protecting emigrants to the mines and giving a feeling of security to the people of the territories of Dakota and Montana.

It is a well known fact that the Sioux Indians being in that country are a wild, turbulent and hostile people, who are now threatening the peace of the western borders of our territory, and the effect of such post will be to overawe and restrain these people.

In addition to these facts, your memorialists would invite your attention to the fact, that the transportation of the government supplies to the military post on the western border of this territory, and in Montana, can be more readily and economically done than by the route now used.

The Missouri furnishes fine water transportation, to the mouth of the Sheyenne river, and the overland route by the way of the north fork of that river to the military post above referred to, will be shortened over five hundred miles and the cost of transportation greatly cheapened.

Your memorialists would further represent, that the region of the Black Hills abound in pine and minerals and the people of the territory earnestly desire protection while engaged in these avocations, and this can be best done by the establishment of the military post prayed for in this memorial, and your memorialists will as in duty bound ever pray.

*Resolved,* That a copy of this memorial be forwarded to Lieut. General Sherman, and to our delegate in congress, who is earnestly requested to urge the importance of the prayer of this legislature upon the Secretary of War;

That this memorial be presented to the Governor for his approval.

Approved, Jan. 11th, 1867.