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FORT IN PEMBINA RIVER VALLEY.

MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF MINNESOTA,

FOR

A fort, or military post, in the valley of the Pembina river.

APRIL 6, 1860.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

A MEMORIAL for a fort of the United States in the valley of the Pembina river.

To the Congress of the United States :

The legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully urges the construction and occupation of a military post near the international boundary, at some point in the valley of the Pembina river which is best adapted to protect the settlers on the American side of the border, as well as the English settlements at Selkirk, from the aggressions of the Sioux Indians who occupy the plains between the Red River of the North and the Missouri river. Pembina mountain, near the Mission and village of St. Joseph, and thirty miles west of the junction of the Pembina and Red rivers, is a favorable site, and is recommended to the attention of Congress.

The commercial and other relations of Minnesota and the upper Mississippi States to the settlements in central British America, at Selkirk, and elsewhere, and the probability that the latter will soon be organized as a colony of England, renders it, in the judgment of the legislature, eminently desirable that the flag of the United States should be advanced and stationed in the immediate vicinity of the important point where the navigable channel of the Red River of the North passes across an imaginary line from the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States into that of Great Britain.

AMOS COGGSWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
IGNATIUS DONNELLY,
President of the Senate.

Approved February 27, 1860.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

FORT IN PEMBINA RIVER VALLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Minnesota, March 24, 1860.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

[L. s.]

J. H. BAKER,
Secretary of State.