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MILITARY ROAD IN IOWA.

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MEMORIAL  
OF  
THE LEGISLATURE OF IOWA,

PRAYING

*For an appropriation to construct a military road from Bloomington to Iowa City.*

JANUARY 7, 1841.

Referred to the Committee on the Territories.

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*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled :*

Your memorialists, the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa, would most respectfully represent: That there are at present no military roads, or any sufficient roads of any kind, for the conveyance of military stores from the depot of arms and munitions of war at Rock island, intersecting the southern military road from Dubuque to the Missouri line; and that the distance of said road from this depot of arms is at least seventy or eighty miles.

Your memorialists believe the most practicable means of supplying the inhabitants along the western border of the Territory with such arms and munitions of war that would enable them to defend themselves against Indian hostilities, would be to construct a road from Bloomington to Iowa city, there to intersect the said road from Dubuque to the Missouri line. The distance, by the Mississippi river, from Rock island to Bloomington, is thirty miles; and from Bloomington, by land, to Iowa city, thirty-two miles. Thus the military stores deposited at Rock island can be conveyed nearly one-half of the distance to the western military road, by water, in case of hostilities with our Indian neighbors.

Your memorialists believe this the most speedy means of conveying arms and military stores to the scene of difficulties.

Your memorialists therefore most respectfully pray that an appropriation of ten thousand dollars may be made, to construct a road from Bloomington to Iowa city; and your memorialists would ever pray, &c. &c.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the Governor be requested to transmit one copy of the above memorial to the President of the Senate, one copy to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one copy to the Hon. Augustus C. Dodge, our delegate in Congress.

THOMAS COX,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

MORT. BAINBRIDGE,

*President of Council.*

ROBERT LUCAS.

Approved December 18, 1840.