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MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF WISCONSIN,

ASKING

A survey of the Menomonee purchase, and for the right of pre-emption to settlers.

FEBRUARY 18, 1850.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

A MEMORIAL to Congress asking for a survey of the Menomonee purchase, and for the right of pre-emption to settlers.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

A memorial of the Senate and Assembly of the State of Wisconsin respectfully represents : That since the late treaty on the part of the general government with the Menomonee Indians for that portion of country lying north of the Fox river, and on the east and west sides of the Wisconsin river, the settlement upon said tract has been almost without precedence, particularly on that portion adjacent to the Fox and Wisconsin improvement ; and your memorialists, for the convenience of the people residing within the limits referred to, and for the prosperity of northern Wisconsin, are desirous that the United States survey of that tract should be made at as early a day as practicable, with the view that the settler may come into the quiet and peaceable possession of his home and improvements, and to prevent the strife and contention that must necessarily grow out of delays in the accomplishment of this important work ; and your memorialists would further urge, as a reason why early action should be had upon this subject, is to expedite the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers by a selection and sale of the odd numbered sections along the north line of said improvements, agreeably with the terms of the act of Congress for the donation of lands made by that body in the year 1846, for the furtherance of that object; and your memorialists would further represent, that the fostering care which the general government has so liberally and so promptly extended to all those who have led the way into the unsettled portions of our western country should be proffered at this time to settlers upon said tract, and that they should have the benefit of the right of pre-emption as well upon the unsurveyed as upon the surveyed land not in market.

MOSES M. STRONG,

Speaker of the Assembly.

SAMUEL W. BEALL,

Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved January 29, 1850.

NELSON DEWEY.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, ss :

I, William A. Barstow, secretary of said State, hereby certify that the foregoing memorial is a true copy of the original deposited in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand,

[L. s.] and affixed the great seal of the State of Wisconsin.

Done at Madison, this first day of February, A. D. 1850.

WM. A. BARSTOW,
Secretary of State.

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