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Reserve, &c.**

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MILITARY RESERVE AT FORT SNELLING.

SUNDRY PETITIONS

OF

CITIZENS OF THE TERRITORY OF MINNESOTA,

PROTESTING

Against the annulling of the sale of Fort Snelling Reserve, &c.

MAY 18. 1858 — Ordered to be printed.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Minnesota, learning that an effort will be made by the present Congress to set aside and annul the sale of the military reservation at Fort Snelling, recently made by the Secretary of War, beg leave to protest against such action of Congress, and to submit a statement regarding said sale, expressive of our views thereon.

Fort Snelling, in our opinion, is no longer needed as a military post, or as a protection to the frontier, from the fact that it is in the centre of the state, and surrounded on every side by towns and advancing settlements, and its further occupation as such would only retard the settlement of the country in which its lands are located.

We are familiar with the lands of this reservation, and of the value of lands generally in the west, and do not believe that a higher price than \$11 per acre could be obtained for said land, sold in any manner; or that it is worth more for any purpose whatever.

We believe that the price paid by the purchaser at such sale was adequate and ample; and trust, for the settlement and improvement of the country, that the sale will be accepted and confirmed:

John Banfill
John C. Harmon
Jas. L. Brown
B. F. Brown
A. Hoyer
B. Cleaver
J. A. West
John H. Seimers
T. W. Betton
Edward Carlin
J. Krainbreng

J. B. Ellison
James McCauley
Charles More
Henry Woodward
E. P. Filkins
C. R. Rice
Richard Slater
John Taylor
J. P. Dignan
William Boles
James O. Prince

C. B. Potter
 Wilber Brownell
 J. Casey.
 Abram Allen
 George Fuller
 Benjamin C. Borden
 P. E. Wortendyke
 Hance Brown
 William Creighton

J. F. Gear
 N. Gibbs
 D. A. Young
 Charles J. D. Miller
 P. Daum
 Samuel Rand
 John McDermott
 S. D. Henderson
 J. H. Varney.

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Fort Snelling, in our opinion, is no longer needed as a military post, or as a protection to the frontier, for the reason that it is situated in nearly the centre of the State, and surrounded on every side by towns and advancing settlements. We are familiar with the location of the reserve, and of the quality and value of the land; and consider that the price paid by the purchaser at said sale, to wit: \$11 per acre, is more than equal to the value of the lands, or than they would have brought if sold in any other manner.

The further occupation of this reserve as a military post, would only retard the growth and settlement of the country, and we trust that the sale will be confirmed.

W. R. Wood
 Walton Cubley
 James W. Wood
 Jno. G. Watmough, jr
 W. B. Farrell
 Timothy Fitch
 Robert A. Smith
 Jno. Penmen,
Judge of Probate of Ramsey Co.,
 William S. Combs
 Heinrich Wedelstaedt
 J. H. Studdiford
 Charles S. Chase,
Acting Governor of Minnesota
 James Mills,
United States Collector, and
Inspector of Customs
 Edward Steenan,
Register of Deeds for Ramsey Co.,

F. Somers
 F. D. Somers'
 Oscar King
 Francis McNamee
 C. G. Miller
 O. Nelson
 W. J. Williford
 H. C. Coates
 Wm. H. Brock
 W. Coates
 Jos. Clarke
 S. S. Ellton,
Justice of the Peace, Ramsey Co.,
 M. C. Tuttle
 Theodore Brup
 S. R. Champlain
 M. H. Miller
 Amable Ducfort
 Wm. Constans

James Starkey,
Member of House of Representatives
 J. W. Kerr
 W. Sternes
 W. F. Gandal.
 L. W. Freeman
 Spirich Hadley
 W. H. Dunbar

Jno. B. Cook
 Wm. H. Stillman
 Wm. H. Curran
 W. B. Mead
 Jas. Gooding
 John Sharpe
 William Spencer.

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R. G. Murphy, *P. of Senate*
 Geo. H. Phillips,
Postmaster, Shakopee
 John H. Coulthard
 Robert Kennedy, *merchant*
 Philip Jacobs.
 William Dowd, *farmer*
 D. A. Huntsman.
 Wm. H. Anderson
 W. T. Swanwick
 T. J. Duff
 David Hodges
 Nelson King
 T. A. Holmes
 Comfort Barnes
 Henry Nicbergaly
 R. M. Wright
 W. Chr. Kooh

Denis McLaughlin
 Oscar Lowe
 William O. Brown
 S. B. Allen
 Edsel Grover
 W. H. St. Clair
 Henry Lesh
 Levy Lovenstein
 Victor Henkey, *farmer*
 George Weple
 Joseph Webor
 Casper Humpfer
 Charles Hartman, jr.
 N. McDruemeillon
 Henry Hinds, *attorney at law*
 Josiah B. Weiser, M. D
 Chas. Phinestead
 Alexander J. McCauley

Hammond Faller
 C. A. Fraser
 R. C. Gale, *real estate agent*
 Josiah Yale
 Benjamin Scribner, jr
 Frank Warner, *att'y at law*
 J. B. Reynolds
 Geo. H. Gleason, *com. merch't.*
 W. R. Collier
 W. Maijaus
 Benn Kohler
 C. S. Claus

James S. Craig
 Everson Reider
 Wm. H. Gibson
 B. E. Leibby
 Jas. Douglas
 Ren. Ashley
 Lear Carison
 Ben. Enresey
 W. B. Hunt, *attorney at law*
 Johannes Muller
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Chas. E. Flawdrau,
Associate Justice S. C., M. T.

W. B. Gerse,
U. S. Marshal for Minnesota.

E. S. Julien Cox,
Dist. Att'y. for Nicoleet county.

John Johnston
 Caleb Holhorse

J. Hennard
 William Barnes

Henry M. Slade
 James Hinds

Dist. Att'y. for 6th jud. dist., M.
 E. Pierce

P. Morison

S. M. Bordman

Sheriff Nicoleet county.

T. M. Perry,

Cleveland Leader.

S. M. Burns

Sandford B. Cocks,

Clerk U. S. D. C., 3d District.

W. Lochren

M. Emiory

George H. Raught

Thomas Cowan,

State Senator, 17th Sen. district.

Geo. Hezlep

James J. Green
 John L. Howes
 James P. Smith
 Joel B. Kennedy
 G. W. Spencer
 Jacob Henningway
 Charles E. Smith
 A. Naylor
 E. Woolsey
 Jason Raymond
 Richard Thompson
 C. O. Neill
 Charles R. Wood

Joseph A. Estel
 Benjamin F. Paul
 John Bond
 William Wilkinson
 Bruner Merevest
 Joseph Mason
 Isaac A. Norwood
 James Lamb
 John McCarthy
 Frederick Schimmet
 Henry J. Dane
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H. H. Sibley,
Governor elect of State of Minnesota

C. H. Berry,
Attorney General elect

C. H. Emerson, *Surveyor Gen'l*

C. S. Cave, *State Senator*

S. E. Adams, *State Senator*

Wm. A. Davis,
Ex-Representative

J. J. Noah,
Clerk of the Supreme Court

M. W. Irwin,
Late United States Marshal

Geo. H. Ingraham, jr., *Notary*

James Davenport, *bookseller*

Stephen Long, *Fuller House*

A. V. Glahn, *broker*

P. J. Grimes

S. J. Albright,

Ass't Clerk House of Representatives

Jno. Farrington, *merchant*

Wm. Sprigg Hall,

State Senator

Henry N. Setzer

Wm. R. Bowes

Wm. F. Wheeler

- Charles D. Elfelt
 John S. Prince,
Real estate and lumber merchant
 N. W. Kittson
 Patrick Nash, *contractor*
 B. F. Tillotson,
Receiver of U. Land Office, Faribault
 Eh. Pettjohn,
Lumbering business
 Charles H. Oakes, *banker*
 T. B. Galusha
 J. Rhingston
 Clement Beaulieu, jr., *banker*
 P. Heffernan
 D. F. Bramly
 T. Berzfeld
 Wm. C. Gray, *land agent*
 Geo. W. Hamilton
 W. G. de Hesdemuz
 H. H. Shafer
 L. Blinn
 N. Killson, jr.
 L. A. Des Rosiers
 Wilbur M. Heyward
 Andrew Levering,
Real estate agent
 W. H. Acker, *merchant*
 Robert Mason
 D. Lowth
 Wm. T. Iglehart,
Attorney at law
 J. D. Murray
 Howard Lindsley, *land agent*
 Charles St. Clair
 Edward Davis
 John B. Olivier
 S. Williams Nelson,
Attorney at law
 T. L. Fitch
 H. G. Brown, jr.
 Geo. E. French
 Samuel Elby, M. D.
 A. B. Brackeld
 James F. Roach, *Indian trader*
 H. H. Western
 A. J. Sypher
 James Egan
- M. D. Sproat
 Emanuel Good
 Morgan L. Sproat
 Joseph Thornton
 E. M. Cooley
 Daniel Good, esq.
 John McCardle
 George W. Craig
 P. D. Andreon
 J. Flynn
 Jeremiah Daly
 Raphael Fonten
 Michael Hann
 Teneau Danteman
 David Volleux
 Francis Donely
 Henry Kleine
 Thomas Birmingham
 Lanimif Tadiski
 William Hagerman
 John Herden
 Samuel Slougganborg
 Gottlob Weekwerth
 Friedrik Kruse
 Edward Walther
 Samuel Snow
 Martin Penska
 Foxe Schietz
 ——— B. Gumppe
 Bened. Hippber
 Joseph Brin
 John T. Walker
 Benj. Stinson
 C. B. Smith
 J. P. Paine
 J. M. Warner
 R. Warner
 John Hyland
 David Bartley, *merchant*
 R. West McLeod, *merchant*
 D. Hance McLeod
 L. B. Morrow
 Thomas Cornell
 John R. Filson
 James Philipsen, jr.
 Wm. Smith.

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B. Webster Morse
 Jno. H. Martin
 R. C. Wiley
 Geo. C. Mott
 J. E. Martin
 A. C. Jones
 Alex. Buchanan
 P. O'Brien
 A. H. Green
 E. A. Durel
 David Stuart
 Wm. H. Nobles
 W. N. Dunham
 James Dixon
 William Draper, *merchant*
 John Sutherly
 John W. Crosby
 D. S. Thompson
 Wm. Owen Bokee
 Wm. H. Wolff
 Geo. B. Holmes
 Alfred P. Elfelt
 Henry Morris
 August Newnert
 Chas. Ward

Joseph Brown
 Ole. Birkiem
 Wm. Hollinshead
 Geo. H. Ingraham, jr.
 Wm. Trowbridge
 E. A. C. Hatch
 Ross Wilkinson
 John H. Gillis
 Albert Caldwell
 Albert C. Eddy
 Samuel Wigfall
 L. H. Eddy
 E. D. Mortimer
 S. J. Buchanan
 Geo. Plunkett
 Geo. L. Otis
 John W. Schwoar
 Wm. M. Buchanan, jr
 Samuel S. Smoot
 J. K. King
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F. R. Desano.

S. S. Murdock.

Wm. H. Moner.

Isaac Green.

M. H. Abbott, *Rec. Pub. Moneys.*

Thos. Wagner, *Reg. L'd Office.*

Mahlon Black.

W. Holcombe, *Lieut. Governor.*

Francis J. Smith.

Wm. McKusick.

Robert Simpson.

W. C. Johnson.

J. E. McKusick.

Theo. E. Parker.

J. W. Lynde.

Joseph R. Brown.

J. W. Babcock.

Everett O. Foss.

A. J. Myrick.

E. M. McCook.

Mehaffey & Black, *Com. Merch.*

M. Luntton.