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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  
 Geo. Fuller, *merchant.*

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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  
 Robert Brusker

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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  
 Jno. C. Terry  
 J. D. Wilson  
 A. G. Bristine  
 Jos. Elfelt.



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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.