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MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF MINNESOTA,

IN RELATION TO

Mail service between Fort Abercrombie, Dakota Territory, and Helena, Montana Territory.

MARCH 23, 1868.—Referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads and ordered to be printed.

A MEMORIAL of the legislature of the State of Minnesota to the Congress of the United States, in relation to mail service between Fort Abercrombie, Dakota Territory, and Helena, in the Territory of Montana.

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

The memorial of the legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully represents : that the overland route from Fort Abercrombie, on the western border of the State of Minnesota, to the gold fields of Montana, brings those auriferous regions from four to six hundred miles nearer the Atlantic and western States than any other route ; that the route passes over a country well wooded and watered, nearly every mile of which is susceptible of sustaining a dense population ; that owing to the present tortuous and inconvenient routes required to be travelled by the enterprising thousands annually going to and returning from our northwestern territories of the Rocky mountains, great delay and expense and much privation necessarily follow ; and that by the route here referred to remaining unopened to travel, year after year, the government is also subjected to immense additional expense, delay, and inconvenience, in communicating with its military posts, which form a chain along this northern line—a route less liable to interruption by hostile Indians in summer, and impassable snows in winter, than the one by way of Salt Lake City.

Your memorialists, for these and other reasons, which will naturally suggest themselves to your honorable body, would therefore respectfully ask the passage of an act establishing tri-weekly service of mails by post coaches between Fort Abercrombie and Helena. Your memorialists are certain that the already extensive and rapidly increasing travel and business between this section of our common country and Montana demand imperatively that the action herein prayed for be at once taken ; that the route when once open will become one of the great and popular thoroughfares between our Atlantic and Pacific settle-

ments ; and that its establishment will tend to rapidly develop and settle an immense region which otherwise for years must remain an unoccupied waste, useless alike to the people and the government.

And, as in duty bound, your memorialists will ever pray.

THOMAS H. ARMSTRONG,

President of the Senate.

JOHN Q. FARMER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved February 29, 1868.

WM. R. MARSHALL, *Governor.*

STATE OF MINNESOTA, *Office of the Secretary of State :*

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

Witness my hand and the great seal of the State, this ninth day of March, A. D. 1868.

[SEAL.]

H. C. ROGERS,

Secretary of State.