

[261] MEMORIAL NO. 2.

MILITARY ROAD.

A MEMORIAL to congress for the location and construction of a military road from the Mississippi river to Fort Clark, on the Des Moines river, and from there to the Council Bluffs, on the Missouri river.

Your memorialists, the general assembly of the state of Iowa, would respectfully and earnestly request your honorable body to locate and construct a military road from the city of Dubuque, on the Mississippi river, to Fort Clark, on the Des Moines river, and from thence to Council Bluffs, on the Missouri river, opposite the Council Bluff Indian Agency, in Nebraska territory.

The improvement of such a road would not only essentially accommodate the intercourse, trade, and agricultural interests of this state, but would be of vast importance to the general government in the transportation of government stores from one garrison to another.

Your memorialists would respectfully represent that Dubuque is the first important point on the west side of the Mississippi after leaving the frontier garrisons on the upper Mississippi river, and its proximity to the great northern lakes, render it peculiarly adapted as a suitable point from which to transport troops, provisions and munitions of war.

Resolved,

That the secretary of state be requested to forward one copy of this memorial to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, January 14th, 1851.

[262] MEMORIAL NO. 3.

ASKING LANDS TO BRIDGE STREAMS.

A MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION asking a donation of land to bridge the principal streams on the state road from Ottumwa to Council Bluffs.

Your memorialist the general assembly of the state of Iowa, respectfully represent, that the great thoroughfare from the Desmoines river through the south-western portion of the state to Council Bluffs crosses several rivers in the unsettled country and that the public good requires said rivers to be bridged. Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,

That our senators be instructed and our representatives be requested to use their influence to procure from the general government a donation of twelve sections of land to bridge Grand river and the two Nodawas.

Resolved, that the secretary of state transmit a copy of this memorial and joint resolution to each of our members of congress.

Approved, January 4th, 1851.