

Resolved, that the secretary of state be requested to forward one copy of this memorial to each of our senators and representatives and one copy to the Hon. S. A. Douglass.

Approved, January 28th, 1851.

MEMORIAL NO. 5.

MEMORIAL to congress for a grant of land in aid of the construction of the Burlington and Fort Desmoines rail road.

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

Your memorialists, the general assembly of the state of Iowa, respectfully represent to your honorable body that an energetic effort is now being made to secure the construction of a rail road from Burlington to Fort Des Moines in this state, with a branch to Keosauqua in Van Buren county. That the proposed road will pass through the most wealthy and populous portions of the state, and over a route eminently adapted to the advantageous construction of a work of this character. That Burlington is unsurpassed in population, wealth and enterprise by any town in the state, and is moreover on one of the great natural lines of projected rail road communication between the east and the west, and which there are many reasons to suppose will be found on examination to be the most feasible and advantageous route of all, as it passes through a more wealthy and populous country than any other of the contemplated routes through [265] this state, with fewer streams to be crossed and without encountering any of those difficulties which would tend to increase the length of the road.

Your memorialists therefore ask such a donation of land lying within the state as may be deemed right and proper to aid in the construction of this work so important to the interests of the country, which will be so convenient and useful to the general government, but which the unaided resources of our people are at this time unable to accomplish.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa.

That a copy of the foregoing memorial be forwarded to our senators and representatives in Congress with the usual instructions and requests to use their influence and most earnest exertions to secure the object therein contemplated.

Approved, February 4th, 1851.

MEMORIAL NO. 6.

MILITARY ROAD.

MEMORIAL to congress for the location and construction of military road from the Mississippi river to Fort Clark on the Desmoines river.

Your memorialist, the general assembly of the state of Iowa, would respectfully represent and request your honorable body to locate and construct a military road from Muscatine on the Mississippi river by way of Iowa City and Marengo, on the Iowa river, to Fort Clark on the Desmoines river.

The construction of such a road would materially advance the agricultural interest and trade in that portion of the state through which such road would pass, and more especially ease and facilitate the transportation of military stores, munitions of war, etc., from this point on the Mississippi river to Fort Clark.

Your memorialist would further present that the town of Muscatine is the nearest point on the Mississippi river below the city of Du Buque, which can be approached from Fort [266] Clark, and for all government stores, munitions and troops necessary to be transported from any point on the lower Mississippi, would in the opinion of your memorialist find this the nearest and cheapest route to Fort Clark.

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, February 4th. 1851.