

Mail facilities demanded. State, additional mail facilities are demanded by the social and business wants of our citizens, in various parts of our State.

Tri-weekly. The additional service prayed for by your memorialists is that a tri-weekly mail be established on the route from Iowa City, via Frank Pierce, Wassonville, South English and Sigourney, to Lancaster, in Keokuk county.

Iowa City to Lancaster.

Sec'y instructed to forward. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the Secretary of State is hereby instructed to forward a copy of the above memorial to the Post Master General and to each of our members of Congress.

APPROVED 18th January, 1855.

MEMORIAL No. 5.

GARRISON.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION to establish a garrison at or near the mouth of the Big Sioux river, in Iowa.

Petition. *To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled:*

Garrison much needed Big Sioux. Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, respectfully represent that a garrison is much need at or near the mouth of the Big Sioux river, in Iowa.

Hunting grounds. Your memorialists further represent that the country round the mouth of said river has but recently been purchased from the Indians, and that since the purchase of the same, two hostile tribes, by a treaty among themselves, have partitioned out the country into separate hunting grounds for each tribe, in order to save their own hunting grounds; that the same is occupied every fall for hunting by bands of the different tribes, and that said tribes have since engaged in a war with each other, whereby said tract of country has

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become the theatre of several sanguinary and bloody battles, Bloody battles. to the great discomfort and annoyance of the few settlers who have pioneered the way for settlement and civilization of that fertile and interesting part of our young and growing State, who are entitled to the protection of government. Annoyance to Pioneers.

Your memorialists further represent that the mouth of Big Sioux river is contiguous to a large scope of country owned and occupied by the Sioux, Omahas, Otoes, and other tribes of Indians, as Indian lands; that from said Indian country marauding bands of Indians will come into the settlements in Iowa to hunt, steal, and commit many other depredations which their lawless and unrestrained passions and habits may lead them to, which will keep the frontier settlements in constant alarm and dread, besides the great loss of property in these excursions, and the imminent danger of human life arising from the intoxication, the malice, caprice or revenge of these unrestrained savages. Indian grounds. Marauding bands. Depredations. Constant alarm. Danger. Intoxication.

Your memorialists further represent that said garrison would be on the route to Fort Laramie and the garrison established by the different trading posts on the Missouri and Yellow Stone rivers. That being situated on the Missouri river, it would be accessible by steamboats and would be a suitable and proper depot for supplies, ammunitions, &c. for the garrisons and forts on our western frontiers. On route to Ft. Laramie. Accessible to steam boats. Depot for supplies.

Therefore Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their utmost exertions to secure the establishment of a garrison at or near the mouth of the Big Sioux river, in Iowa, at as early a day as practicable. Instructions. Secure a garrison.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to forward a copy of this memorial to each of the Representatives and Senators in Congress, from the State of Iowa. Sec'y directed to forward.

APPROVED 19th January, 1855.