

TELEGRAPHS.

MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW MEXICO,

IN RELATION TO

The establishment of telegraphs between the military posts in Kansas and New Mexico.

MARCH 13, 1867.—Referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads and ordered to be printed.

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

Your memorialists, the council and house of representatives of the Territory of New Mexico, most respectfully represent, that the necessities of the military department or district of New Mexico, as also those of the military posts located and established in the Indian country between this Territory and the borders of the States of Missouri and Kansas, require that telegraphic communication should be established between this Territory and such line or lines of telegraph within said States as will place the military and civil departments of New Mexico in speedy communication with the national capital and the various departments of the government therein located. For years this necessity has existed on account of the many hostile Indians which infest our Territory, and which, because of our great distance from the national capital and the want of speedy mail facilities, have always retarded military action against them.

But your memorialists are more impressed with the necessity and importance of such communication to the government at present, as your memorialists believe your honorable bodies will readily see, on account of the unsettled condition of the republic of Mexico, on whose border we are situated and near whose boundary line many military posts are now established, requiring, therefore, for reasons which your honorable bodies may readily conjecture, the importance of establishing telegraph communications with the distant points of our Territory and national domain bordering on a foreign country; and, further, your memorialists believe that in the construction and establishment of such a line or lines as are proposed to be constructed, the great mineral wealth which is now being developed in our Territory will receive a greater stimulus, while at the same time the great commerce and freighting interests of the plains, now very extensive, in the States of Kansas and Missouri, will be greatly encouraged and extended; and your memorialists therefore respectfully ask your honorable bodies

may pass an act entitled "An act to facilitate communication between the Atlantic States and the military posts in New Mexico by electric telegraph," and that a company chartered by your memorialists for that purpose may be encouraged by your honorable bodies by granting it such necessary privileges, and extending to it such material aid, as will enable it to accomplish the construction of such line or lines of telegraph as will accommodate the necessity of the government and aid in the development of our commerce and mineral wealth; and for all of which your memorialists will ever pray.

R. M. STEPHENS,
Speaker of House of Representatives.
 MIGUEL E. PINO,
President of Council.

Approved January 31, 1867.

W. F. M. ARNY,
Secretary and Acting Governor.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Territory of New Mexico:

I, W. F. M. Arny, secretary and acting governor of New Mexico, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original, which is on file in my office, as passed by the legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, at its present session.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal this 31st day of January, A. D. 1867.

[SEAL.]

W. F. M. ARNY,
Secretary and Acting Governor of New Mexico.