

MEMORIAL
OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MISSOURI,
PRAYING

That the southern boundary line of the proposed State of Iowa may be made to conform to the northern boundary line of the State of Missouri.

FEBRUARY 19, 1845.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

A MEMORIAL IN RELATION TO THE ADMISSION OF THE STATE OF IOWA.

To the Congress of the United States :

The General Assembly of the State of Missouri respectfully represents :

That they have seen the Constitution of Iowa, as formed by the convention recently assembled in that Territory, and will call the attention of Congress to the boundaries proposed for the State of Iowa, as the same are set forth in the first article of that Constitution.

The said article designates the southern boundary of the State as follows: "Beginning in the main channel of the Mississippi river, opposite the mouth of the Des Moines; thence up the said river Des Moines, in the middle of the main channel thereof, to a point where it is intersected by the old Indian boundary line, or line run by John C. Sullivan in 1816; thence, westwardly, along said line, to the old northwest corner of Missouri; thence, due west, to the middle of the main channel of the Missouri river."

Your memorialists think it sufficient to call the attention of Congress to the fact that the said article is framed without any reference whatever to the northern boundary line of the State of Missouri, as the same is fixed by the Constitution of the said State and the act of Congress admitting her into the Union. Your memorialists will not argue the question, but simply call the attention of Congress to the fact that the Constitution of Iowa, if ratified by Congress, proposes to do what we do not admit that any power on earth can do, except with the consent of the sovereign people of Missouri, to wit: cut off a portion of our territory, and transfer the same to another State. So gross an outrage on our rights does not require that language should be used to point out its enormity.

It is deemed sufficient to call the attention of Congress to the fact, and rely on her sense of right and justice.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing memorial be forwarded by the Governor to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress; and that our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to oppose the admission of Iowa into the Union, or the ratification of her Constitution, unless the article defining her boundary is changed so as to make her southern boundary conform to the northern boundary of the State of Missouri.

C. F. JACKSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JAMES YOUNG,
President of the Senate.

Approved, January 27, 1845.

JOHN C. EDWARDS.