

MEMORIAL
OF
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF DAKOTA,
IN FAVOR OF
*An appropriation for the extension of the Sioux City and Missouri telegraph
line to Fort Randall.*

JANUARY 13, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads and ordered to be printed.

A memorial to Congress asking an appropriation to enable Messrs. Daggett, Clevenger & Percy to extend the Sioux City and Missouri telegraph line to Fort Randall.

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would respectfully state that Daggett, Clevenger & Percy, the owners of the Sioux City and Missouri telegraph line, from Sioux City, Iowa, to Yankton, Dakota Territory, are desirous of extending their telegraph from Yankton to Fort Randall, Dakota Territory, at as early an opportunity as possible.

That the said telegraph company, in building their line to the city of Yankton, have incurred an outlay hardly warranted by present receipts, but nevertheless are willing to look to the future for remuneration.

The advantages to the General Government in being at all times instantaneously able to communicate with military posts on the frontier are so evident as to need no mention, particularly during the present unsettled condition of Indian affairs in the Territory. Your memorialists would, therefore, in behalf of the people of this Territory as well as the United States garrisons, who would be inestimably benefited thereby, respectfully ask the endeavors of Daggett, Clevenger & Percy be aided and assisted by the General Government in extending their line from Yankton to Fort Randall, Dakota Territory, by granting a subsidy to the said company for said purpose, and extending such other aid as the Government may deem warrantable and right.

And as in duty bound your memorialists will ever pray.

GEO. H. HAND,
Speaker House Representatives.

Attest, GEO. I. FOSTER, *Chief Clerk.*

EMORY MORRIS,
President of the Council.

Attest, GEORGE T. REA, *Secretary.*

Approved, December 30, 1870.

JOHN A. BURBANK, *Governor.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the memorial now on file in my office.

GEO. ALEX. BATCHELDER,
Secretary of the Territory of Dakota.

YANCTON, D. T., *January 7, 1871.*