

MEMORIAL
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF WISCONSIN,
IN FAVOR OF

The passage of an act requiring the issue of patents for land purchased from the Stockbridge Indians in conformity to an act of Congress approved March 3, 1843, and for the sale of the unsold lands of the Stockbridge reservations, and that the price be fixed at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

APRIL 8, 1864.—Referred to the Committee on Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIAL to Congress concerning Stockbridge lands in Calumet county, State of Wisconsin.

The memorial of the legislature of the State of Wisconsin respectfully represents: That patents have been withheld from some of the purchasers of certain lots or parcels of land purchased from the Stockbridge Indians, in conformity with an act of Congress approved March 3, 1843; that the withholding of said patents from said purchasers subjects them to great annoyance; that the uncertainty of title to aforesaid lands retards improvements, and is therefore injurious to the occupant thereof, and to the public.

Your memorialists would therefore ask Congress to pass a law requiring the immediate issue of patents for said lands.

Your memorialists would further represent that the residents of the town of Stockbridge, in Calumet county, State of Wisconsin, are settlers upon lands of the Stockbridge reservations, and that the increased valuation of said lands is the result of their own labor, and the expenditure of their own money in making improvements; that it would be imposing a tax on their own industry to charge them a higher rate for said lands than other public lands are sold for.

Your memorialists, therefore, would respectfully ask your honorable body to pass an act authorizing the sale of said unsold lands, and fixing the price of the same at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, or such other reasonable sum as your honorable body may deem reasonable and just.

The governor of the State of Wisconsin is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this memorial to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

WILLIAM W. FIELD,

Speaker of the Assembly.

WYMAN SPOONER,

President of the Senate.

Approved April 1, 1864.

JAMES F. LEWIS, *Governor.*

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Secretary's Office, ss:

The secretary of state of the State of Wisconsin hereby certifies that the foregoing has been compared with the original memorial on file in this office, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal [SEAL.] of the State, at the capitol in Madison, this fourth day of April, A. D. 1864.

LUCIUS FAIRCHILD,
Secretary of State.