

MAIL ROUTE IN DAKOTA.

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF DAKOTA,

ASKING FOR

The establishment of a mail route from Fort Randall, Dakota Territory, to Fort Sully, in the same Territory.

JANUARY 8, 1866.—Referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads and ordered to be printed.

To the Congress of the United States:

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would respectfully represent that that portion of country between Fort Randall and Fort Sully, Dakota Territory, is entirely destitute of all mail facilities. The distance is one hundred and fifty miles, over a high rolling prairie country, and good road the entire distance. Along the line of the route the country is sparsely settled for about one-half the distance. Ninety miles from Fort Randall the Minnesota Sioux Indian agency is located, and about one hundred United States soldiers stationed. At Fort Sully about four hundred United States soldiers are stationed, and above Fort Sully there are about one thousand persons that the establishment of such a route would accommodate.

Your memorialists are further of the opinion that this route would pay expenses, and be a self-sustaining route, besides enhancing very much the commercial interest of the Upper Missouri. Therefore your memorialists would most urgently ask for the immediate establishment of said route, with a semi-weekly mail on the same.

For which your memorialists will ever pray.

G. B. BIGELOW, *Speaker.*
GEORGE STICKNEY,
President of the Council.