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the way of the development of the great mineral and agricultural resources of our territory and nation shall be removed; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the congress of the United States be and is hereby respectfully requested to make such additional compensation as may be necessary to secure an early survey of the public lands in the mountain regions of this territory. And further,

*Resolved*, That the governor of this territory is hereby requested to forward a copy of the foregoing memorial and resolution, to the presiding officer of each branch of the congress of the United States, and to our delegate therein, the secretary of the interior and commissioner of the general land office.

Approved January 4, A. D. 1868.

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Concurrent resolution tendering the thanks of the Legislative Assembly to Hon. J. P. Whitney, Commissioner to the Paris Exposition.

The representatives of the people of the territory of Colorado in general assembly convened, gratefully recognizing the distinguished services rendered the territory through the indefatigable industry of its commissioner at the Universal Exposition in Paris during the year 1867, through the council and house of representatives of Colorado territory, do hereby resolve

That the thanks of the legislative assembly be and they are hereby tendered to the Hon. J. P. Whitney for the faithful and efficient performance of the duties of his office.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of the territory be instructed to cause a copy of these resolutions, duly authenticated, under the great seal of the territory, to be engrossed on parchment and transmitted to the address of the said Hon. J. P. Whitney, in the name of the people of this commonwealth.

Approved January 8, A. D. 1868.

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A Memorial to the Congress of the United States relative to the coining of silver in the Branch Mint at Denver, Colorado territory.

*To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress Assembled:*

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the territory of Colorado, would respectfully represent that, within the last two years, there has been discovered in this territory, a great number of rich silver mines, that soon will be worked extensively, and open a new era in Colorado. These silver ores can be reduced cheaply, and must result in great profit to the operators, and in view of the fact that our national currency will

soon reach a specie standard, we respectfully request your honorable body to authorize and empower the U. S. Branch Mint in the city of Denver, to coin silver bullion, and furnish our miners with money from the precious metals they have contributed to produce.

Approved January 10, A. D. 1868.

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A Joint Memorial and resolution relative to additional appropriations for the purpose of building a penitentiary in Colorado territory.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress Assembled:*

Your memorialists, the council and house of representatives of the territory of Colorado, would respectfully represent that the sum of forty thousand dollars appropriated by the Congress of the United States, by the act approved January 22, 1867, for the purpose of erecting a penitentiary in the territory of Colorado, is inadequate for the erection of any prison required by the wants of this territory. A large majority of our counties are without a jail or prison of any kind, and in these a conviction amounts to an acquittal. Our people have been too often compelled to step beyond the limit of the statute and resort to the first law of nature, and administer summary punishment to offenders. For years past these evils have pressed sorely upon our people, and we appeal to you, as guardians of this people, for such an appropriation as will give us a secure prison; and to this end we would suggest that an additional appropriation, of at least forty thousand dollars, is absolutely necessary for the attainment of the object contemplated. The cost of building materials, which are not manufactured in this territory with the high prices of labor, render the cost of construction twice as great as in the states.

*Resolved,* That a copy of this memorial and resolution be forwarded to the secretary of the interior, president of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives of the Congress of the United States, and to our delegate therein.

Approved January 10, A. D. 1868.

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A Joint Memorial to the Congress of the United States relative to a subsidy of lands for railroad purposes.

*To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled:*

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the territory of Colorado, would respectfully represent that the advancement