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### A Memorial

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hasten the development of the immense mineral resources of the country by affording better facilities for the transportation of supplies, ores and bullion than are at present enjoyed.

The other Territories of the United States have reaped great benefit from the military roads which the general government has built from time to time within their limits. Colorado, however, the most populous of all the Territories, has as yet been overlooked in the appropriations for this purpose. In justice therefore to our Territory, and in view of the great benefit the general government will derive from the construction of this road in the reduced expense of transporting supplies to the posts and Indian agencies in Western New Mexico and Arizona, and the ease with which the military power may reach and control what is at present one of the most inaccessible and dangerous of Indian countries; and furthermore, in consideration of the great impulse which would be given to the mining development of this district, which we believe to be one of the richest in the United States; we therefore respectfully ask that such an appropriation be made as will be sufficient for the construction of the described wagon road.

Approved January 28, 1876.

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#### A MEMORIAL

*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 most respectfully represent:

That it has become a common practice in certain portions of our Territory, for persons to violate the pre-emption laws by entering land under fictitious names, and under fraudulent pretenses, in this manner often depriving the "bona-fide" settlers of their right to the land upon which they have taken up their abode and expended their time and money.

We would further represent, that owing to a variety of causes, it has hitherto proved almost impossible to appre-

hend and convict the persons guilty of these crimes; and that great hardship has often resulted therefrom to the actual settlers upon the public lands, who have found their claims pre-empted and patented over their heads without their knowledge and consent.

In view therefore of this state of affairs, we respectfully request your honorable body to remedy these evils by so amending the Statutes of the United States, as to compel every individual who desires to file upon any of the public lands, to exhibit to the Register of the Land Office, the proof of his "bona-fide" settlement and improvement upon the land desired to be filed upon, properly attested by the Probate judge of the county in which the said land may be situated, or to take such other action as may be effectual to remedy the evils before mentioned.

Approved February 4, 1876.

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#### A MEMORIAL

*To the Honorable, 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 right to take wood and timber from the public lands is indispensable to the settlement of all new countries. That generally the timbered lands of such countries are unavailable to its citizens by purchase, through the neglect to survey and properly place the same in market. That a large number of the inhabitants of this Territory, our constituents, are without wood, fuel and timber necessary for the erection of dwellings and other buildings, except such as is found standing and growing upon the public lands.

Your memorialists therefore humbly pray that your honorable bodies will so modify the existing laws as to permit actual settlers in this Territory, to cut, take and remove from the public lands, necessary wood for fuel and fences, and timber for the erection of dwellings and other buildings.

Approved February 10, 1876.