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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.

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.