

MEMORIAL.

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

Memorial.

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Wyoming, would respectfully represent that the compensation now allowed by the general government, for the members of the legislative assembly of this Territory, is but four dollars per diem, a sum totally inadequate to meet the expenses of the members attending sessions; the cost of living in this Territory is, perhaps, greater than that of any other State or Territory in the union. Your memorialists would further represent that day laborers in the greater number of cases in the Territory, and in every case in the mining districts, receive five dollars per day, and store

clerks from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars per month, in occupations which are unattended with the expenses, accompanying members of the legislature who are compelled to neglect their occupations and professions at home to journey to the capital for the purpose of attending to the interests of the public; and in order to obtain good and reliable men for this branch of the public service, it would prove economical to offer such compensation as would enable them to live comfortably, without actual loss to themselves while serving their constituents. Your memorialists would further represent, that the compensation of members of Colorado legislative assembly has been increased by your honorable [body] to six dollars per diem, and that the actual cost of living in this Territory, exceeds that of our older settled sister Territory of Colorado. Therefore, your memorialists, believing your honorable body will see and acknowledge the justice and necessity of this memorial, respectfully request that the relief asked in this case be granted, and your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

Compensation.

Be it Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be forwarded by the Hon. Edward M. Lee, secretary of Wyoming, to the Hon. S. F. Nuckolls, our delegate in congress, who is hereby requested to bring the subject matter of this petition before the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled.

Resolution.

Approved, December 10, 1869.