

MEMORIAL

OF THE

People of Red River Settlement

TO THE BRITISH AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY Viscount
MONCK, Governor General of British North America, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

I have the honor to state that the last American mail from Pembina, brought a communication to me enclosing certain resolutions adopted at public meetings held at the Red River Settlement, together with a Memorial to the British and Canadian Governments on the subject of opening up such a line of road as would afford to that settlement free access without being dependent on a foreign country.

I have also the honor to state that I have been charged with the presentation of the said Memorial, and have been requested to promote the important objects mentioned therein so far as in my power.

I have therefore, in view of presenting the Memorial, felt it my duty to prepare some observations to accompany it, illustrative of the adaptability of the country in central British North America, for successful colonization, the commercial and political importance of a means of communication being formed at an early period, and the character of such a communication as would in my humble opinion be best suited for the economical development of the country, whilst at the same time it would meet the wishes and very greatly promote the interest of the people of the Red River Settlement.

I may here be allowed to observe that the people of Red River, although unable to incur the whole of the expense required to open such a line of communication, offer in their Memorial to bear a considerable portion of it.

In view of the foregoing, I have respectfully to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to receive the Memorial referred to, together with the observations which accompany it, on the subject thereof. And I am induced to pray on behalf of the people of Red River, that Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to take the subject into early and favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be Your Excellency's

Most obedient, humble servant,
SANDFORD FLEMING.

QUEBEC, March 23rd, 1863.