

BRANCH MINT IN COLORADO TERRITORY.

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF COLORADO TERRITORY,

RELATIVE

*To the establishment of a branch mint in that Territory.*

DECEMBER 16, 1861.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
*Colorado Territory, Secretary's Office,*  
*Denver, December 2, 1861.*

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith a certified copy of joint memorial of the legislative assembly of this Territory, lately convened at this city, and which I have been instructed to forward to you.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant,

LEWIS LEDYARD WELD,

*Secretary of Colorado Territory.*

Hon. GALUSHA A. GROW,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

JOINT MEMORIAL.

*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 establishment of a branch of the United States mint at Denver, or some other point in this Territory, would greatly promote the interests of the people here, as well as in the country generally. According to report of the United States mint, the amount of gold coined from this Territory in

the year 1859 was \$622,000, and for the year 1860, \$2,091,000 ; besides, as is well known, large amounts have been used for mechanical purposes, and in circulation in its native state. We would further represent that the amount is increasing, and new discoveries are being made, and it is evident that the whole range of the Rocky mountains is more or less impregnated with the precious metal, and this Territory enjoys a central position from north to south along said range. In evidence of these facts, and others not necessary to mention; and in view of the risk, delay, and inconvenience of shipping gold such a great distance for coinage, we, your memorialists, beg leave to urge the object of this memorial, and in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

*Resolved*, That copies of this memorial be forwarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate and our delegate to the Congress of the United States, at Washington, D. C.

CHARLES F. HOLLY,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

EDWARD A. ARNOLD,

*President of the Council.*

Approved November 4, 1861.

WILLIAM GILPIN,

*Governor of Colorado Territory.*

TERRITORY OF COLORADO, *Executive Department, Denver City, ss :*

I, Lewis Ledyard Weld, secretary of Colorado Territory, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a memorial passed by the last legislative assembly of Colorado Territory, approved and signed by the governor on the 4th day of November, A. D. 1861, and now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the  
[L. S.] seal of Colorado Territory, this 2d day of December, A. D.  
1861.

LEWIS LEDYARD WELD,

*Secretary of Colorado Territory.*