

INCREASE OF SALARIES IN COLORADO TERRITORY.

JOINT RESOLUTION AND MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF COLORADO TERRITORY,

PRAYING FOR

An increase of allowance per diem of the members and officers of the legislative assembly and an increase of salary of the territorial judges.

DECEMBER 23, 1861.—Referred to the Committee on Territories, and ordered to be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTION AND MEMORIAL.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled :

Your memorialists, the council and house of representatives of Colorado Territory, most respectfully represent, that whereas the organic act of this Territory, drawn up on the basis of the other Territories of the United States, provides that the *pay per diem* of members of the first and subsequent legislative assemblies should be three dollars during their attendance at the session thereof, and the officers of said legislative assemblies, together with all the territorial officers, are allowed a compensation in like proportion; and whereas, on account of the great distance from the manufacturing and producing sections, from whence the inhabitants of this Territory obtain nearly all their necessary articles of consumption, such as provisions, clothing, &c., the cost of such articles are nearly three times, and in some instances ten times, the cost of similar commodities in the more eastern parts of the United States government; and whereas it is therefore manifestly unjust that such a compensation should be laid at so low a rate: therefore your memorialists would respectfully ask your honorable body so to amend the organic act as to allow six dollars per diem for each member and officer in attendance on such first and subsequent legislative assembly, and an adequate addition to the salaries of the territorial judges, not exceeding twelve hundred dollars.

Be it resolved by the council and house of representatives of Colorado Territory, That our delegate to Congress be, and is hereby, requested to use all honorable means to bring this subject to the favorable consideration of Congress, and obtain a redress of grievances.

And be it further resolved, That the Secretary of the Territory be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution and memorial to our delegate to Congress.

CHARLES F. HOLLY.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

EDWARD A. ARNOLD,

President of the Council.

Approved November 7, 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 November 7, A. D. 1861, and now on file in my office.

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

LEWIS LEDYARD WELD,

Secretary of Colorado Territory.