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2d Session.

SENATE.

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**PETITION**

**OF**

**CITIZENS OF COLORADO**

**PRAYING**

The admission of that Territory into the Union as a State.

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DECEMBER 10, 1866.--Referred to the Committee on Territories and ordered to be printed.  
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To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

We, your petitioners, would respectfully represent that certain Petitions and memorials having been presented to your honorable body setting forth that the population, wealth, and industry of Colorado were declining, and fearing that such statements would have the effect of checking the emigration to, and the growth of, Colorado, we, the undersigned Citizens of Colorado, desirous of promoting her best interests, and believing that those interests can best be subserved by the admission of Colorado as one of the States of the Union, would ask your attention to the following statement of facts in regard to the resources and growth of our State, and most earnestly pray for, the admission of Colorado into the Union.

Tax valuation for 1865 .....	\$8,836,500
Tax valuation for 1866 .....	<u>10,610,800</u>
Increase for one year .....	<u>1,774,306</u>

The mines are not valued or taxed.

Amount of land claimed at land office, from January 1, 1865, to November 1, 1865, 140,000 acres.

Amount of land claimed at land office, from January 1, 1866, to November 1, 1866, 251,000 acres.

Amount of exchange drawn by the First National Bank of Denver, from May 10, 1865, to November 1, 1866, \$11,822,000. .

Assessment of internal revenue tax for 1866, \$141,368 80.

Cost of buildings erected in Denver, from November 1, 1865, to November 1, 1866, 250.

Cost of these buildings, \$476,000.

Number of furnaces for smelting ore, completed since November 1, 1865, 8.

Cost of furnaces, \$181,000.

Number of miles of mountain road built since November 1, 1865, 58.

Cost of these roads, \$60,000.

Number of miles of large irrigating ditches built since November 1, 1865, 136.  
 Cost of such ditches, \$136,000.

The production of gold has more than doubled during the year.

D. H. MOFFAT, Jr.,  
*Cashier First National Bank, Denver.*  
 DANIEL WITTER,  
*U. S. Assessor, district Colorado.*  
 M. M. DE LANO,  
*Mayor of Denver.*  
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*Senior Proprietor and Editor Rocky Mountain News.*  
 JNO. L. DAILEY,  
*Junior Proprietor and Publisher Rocky Mountain News.*  
 J. E. WHARTON,  
*Superintendent of Public Instruction.*  
 J. M. VEASEY.  
 IRA D. CLARK.  
 R. E. WHITRITT,  
*Territorial Auditor.*  
 JOHN PIERCE,  
*Surveyor General.*  
 GEO. W. CHAMBERLAIN,  
*United States Attorney for Colorado.*  
 E. M. ASHLEY,  
*Chief Clerk Surveyor General's Office.*  
 J. Q. CHARLES,  
*Member of the Territorial Council.*  
 RICHARD SOPRIS,  
*Sheriff of Arapahoe county; and 229 others.*

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 Wm. Martin,  
 J. P. Sears, jr,  
 Alex. W. Atkins,  
 Dr. J. W. Eggleston,  
 Philip Cranshaw,  
 Alex. Davidson,  
 Fred. G. Salomon,  
 Hy. G. Salomon,  
 G. W. Kassler,  
 S. N. Hoyt,  
 Anson Rudd,  
 William G. Burdett,  
 Felix Burdett,  
 Abraham Smith,  
 A. Hopkins,  
 S. B. Kellogg,  
 G. O. Banks,  
 Deitsch & Bro.,  
 J. P. Sears,  
 Chas. R. Ward,  
 John M. Chesnut,  
 Geo. E. Thornton,  
 G. W. Bancroft,  
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 Eml. Hexter,  
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 Jonas, Sparks,  
 Geo. W. Harriman,  
 Ed. D. Tallman,  
 Lemuel S. Williams,  
 Harvey Macon,  
 Thomas Harvey,  
 Edward Robinson,  
 Charles Edwards,  
 John Anderson,

Wm. Kilpatrick,  
 Geo. F. Price,  
 James H. Eames,  
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 Henry Murphy,  
 Wm. P. Smith,  
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 Heatley & Chase,  
 James Armstrong,  
 Rolley Howard,  
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 Thomas McNally,  
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 B. C. Harvey,  
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 W. E. Rust,  
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 L. A. Gordon,  
 James Armstrong,  
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 Alexander Steel,  
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 George M. Wood,  
 Ford & Brothers,  
 John S. Fuller,  
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 J. S. Peck,  
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 W. F. Wilder,  
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 John J. Maxey,

John H. Lane,  
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 Edward Yonken,  
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 Andrew Johnson,  
 Philip Carmichael,  
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 James W. Kincaid,  
 Alfred Putnam,  
 Henry R. Potts,  
 Harvey Remington,  
 William McLaughlin,  
 Erastus King,  
 M. J. Haskins,  
 John S. Reid,  
 Robert Snow,  
 Albert Simpson,  
 Cornelius Abrams,  
 Melville Cutts,  
 Granville Rogers,  
 James McNasser,  
 R. D. Darlington,  
 S. A. Couch,  
 James M. Mason,  
 S. J. Cross,  
 W. H. Jackson,  
 A. C. Miksch,  
 E. J. Davis,  
 E. S. Mead,  
 S. C. Howland,  
 John Hanson,  
 Chas. H. Keith,  
 Wm. Marchant,  
 C. G. Baldwin,  
 Bela M. Hughes,  
 Thos. S. Hall,  
 Geo. West,  
 Wm. H. Beers,  
 George McDonald,  
 Rob't Le Maranelle,  
 Chas. Willson,  
 P. O'Connell,  
 Joe C. Davidson, 1859,  
 John Clinton,  
 G. F. Parsons,  
 James E. Tuttle,  
 Jno. C. Sumner,  
 Chas. E. Adams,  
 James Johnson,  
 E. H. Willard,  
 Charles Bailey,  
 Silas Jones,  
 John E. Laughlin,  
 R. L. Hatten,  
 Thomas Pollock,

C. W. Burdsal,  
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 Chas. T. Denel,  
 J. M. Chivington,  
 I. H. Gest,  
 Clarence J. Clarke,  
 Daniel Ryan,  
 Francis Gallup,  
 James C. Bradley,  
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 C. W. Burton,  
 George Wilkinson,  
 A. S. Spencer,  
 D. A. Chever,  
 E. H. Marion,  
 Wm. W. Simmons,  
 Geo. E. Neeley,  
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 N. Boutele,  
 Robt. Lunsford,  
 C. Woodward,  
 Joshua Howell,  
 Geo. Williams,  
 H. S. Sparks,  
 C. R. Johnson,  
 AT. E. Chapman,  
 Foster Anderson,

John Rankin,  
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 N. P. Simpson,  
 Danl. Hudson,  
 R. G. Emerson,  
 Saml. Goshen,  
 Patrick O'Reiley,  
 Michael O'Donovan,  
 James Foster,  
 Geo. T. Edwards,  
 John K. Zimmerman,  
 Henry Hames,  
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 E. W. Jones,  
 A. Norvel,  
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 Simeon S. Fields,  
 Thomas Winkler,  
 Aaron W. Schaick,  
 Anderson Toney,  
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 Brian J. Kelly,  
 Elias G. Matthews,  
 Monroe L. Heorr,  
 Hubbard B. Haskell,  
 James C. McRensor,  
 Chas. P. Edwards.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

*Auditor's Office, Denver, November 19, 1866.*

I hereby certify that the valuations of taxable property in the Territory of Colorado for the years 1865 and 1866, as set forth in the accompanying petition, are correct.

[SEAL.]

RICHARD E. WHITSILL,

*Territorial Auditor of Colorado Territory.*

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UNITED STATES ASSESSORS OFFICE,

*District of Colorado, Denver, Colorado Territory, Nov. 17, 1866.*

This is to certify that the amount shown by the books in my office to have been assessed in this Territory, from the first day of January, 1866, to the first day of October, 1866, is one hundred and forty-one thousand three hundred and sixty-eight dollars and eighty cents, (\$141,368 80.)

DANIEL WITTER,

*United States Assessor, District of Colorado.*

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LAND OFFICE,

*Denver City, Colorado Territory, November 19, 1866.*

I hereby certify that the statement in the accompanying petition in regard to the amount of land claimed in this office in the years 1865 and 1866 is correct.

G. M. CHILCOTT, *Register.*

FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

*Denver, Colorado, November 19, 1866.*

DEAR SIR: I hereby certify that the statement in the accompanying petition in regard to the amount of exchange drawn by the first national bank of Denver since May, 1865, is correct.

A.M. MOFFAT, Jr., Cashier.

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SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

*Denver, November 19, 1866.*

I hereby certify that the estimate in the accompanying petition of the number of buildings built in Denver, the number of furnaces and their cost, and the number of miles of mountain road and large districts, and their cost, built in Colorado during the past year, is to my certain knowledge below the facts.

JOHN PIERCE,

*Surveyor General of Colorado and Utah.*

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MEMORANDUM.

The report of the Postmaster General for 1866, page 87, shows that the receipts last year from Colorado were \$33,206 20, and this is more than from several States. The increase over the preceding year, \$15,990 58.

The secretary and acting governor, and others, estimate that the census though partial, one-third of the counties not being returned and omitting in many counties all except tax-payers, would show 36,000 inhabitants. Papers will be presented to Congress, in case of debate, to show this and other important facts.

The assessment, if including mines, the secretary and acting governor estimate would double the valuation and make the *per capita* wealth of the people of Colorado more than in the State of New York, if not in the Union.

The aggregate vote of Colorado shows, that the population must be much larger. The vote on the first constitution, as certified by the secretary of the territory was 9,225; for governor of the present State, 7,457. At the late election for delegate the vote was light because it was in harvest time, and because the office was expected to be abolished by the admission of the State was within four of 7,000. These votes, the business, and large increase undoubtedly show an increase in population, and would indicate at least 50,000 or 60,000 inhabitants at the present time.

The rapid approach to Colorado of two branches of the Pacific railroad, and the vast extent of her natural resources in agriculture, grazing, gold, silver, copper, lead, coal, and iron mines, in salt springs and petroleum, all of which are matters of public notoriety and positive information, insure her a rapid development in the immediate future in wealth and population, and give the positive assurance that she will soon be one of the great, rich, and populous States of the Union.