

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut.

The Subscribers, in behalf of themselves, and their Brethren, Poor Indians, formerly of the State of Connecticut, but lately Refugees from the Vicinity of Oneida, alk leave most respectfully to express their grateful Acknowledgments of the repeated Kindness and Favors conferred upon them by their best Friends and Brothers, the Inhabitants of their Native and Beloved State: Particularly, in the late Instance of a Brief granted by a former General Assembly, for a Contribution in several Churches within the State aforesaid: In Consequence of which, we have been informed, a considerable Sum in Paper ^{Money (Connecticut Emission)} hath been collected for our Relief, a List of which Money is here inclosed. As the said Money is now out of Circulation, your Memorialists pray that your Honors would, in your great Goodness, pass such Order relative thereto, = that the same may be rendered subservient to the present Relief of a Number of poor distressed Indians, who for their Fidelity ~~and~~ and Attachment to the American Cause, have suffered the Loss of all Things, - been compelled to fly from their Habitations, leaving those Means of Subsistence behind, with which God had blessed them, and to sojourn where they could find a Place. We have now, after much Sickness and Distress, by the Providence of God and the Kindness of the good People in this Neighborhood, little more than a bare Existence, within the Bounds of West Stockbridge in the State of Massachusetts, near the ^{Line of New York}. We are very desirous of returning to our former Settlement in the Vicinity of Oneida, where, instead of being further burdesome, we hope to be of some Advantage to the United States. But by Reason of our destitute Circumstances, ~~we are unable to accomplish~~, we are unable to accomplish this, without the Aid of our American Friends. We are therefore, by dire Want and Poverty, compelled to look up to your Honors, as to our great and kind Fathers, and humbly to implore your Assistance at this Time. If, in your great Wisdom and Goodness, you may see meet to make some Addition, tho' ever so small, to the Money collected as aforesaid, it will, at this Juncture, be a peculiar Favor added to the many others which Indians in general, we in particular have received from our Brothers of Connecticut. And we can't but hope that a Favor of this Kind, conferred on those who have inviolably adhered to you in Times of the greatest Danger, during the War, may have a happy Influence on the other Tribes of Indians upon the Continent. It will, at least, so far as our Influence may extend, furnish us with an additional Argument to convince them, that it will be for their Interest, for the sure, to seek the Friendship and rely on the Goodness and Protection of the
United

[verso:

United States.

^{227b} Your Petitioners therefore pray, that your Honors, taking their distressed Circumstances into you wise Consideration, would grant them such Relief to your Wisdom may seem fit. And as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Elijah Wimpey
David Fowler

Sam^l Adams

West Stockbridge }
May 8th 1783— }

That the Memorialists Elijah Wimpey
and others about forty four in Number-- are justly repre
sented in the foregoing petition-- as to their attachment
to the American Cause – lossess- present distresed
Circumstances &c— is certified by me

Stockbridge
May 16th 1783

Sam^l Kirkland Mifs^{ry}
[*illegible*]

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Poor Indians
May 1783
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p l H In the Lower House
The Prayer of this Memorial is granted and that a Bill &c
Test John Treadwell Clk.

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