

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the General Afsembly of the State of Connecticut to be holden at ~~Hartford~~ New Haven within and for said State on the second Thursday of ~~May~~ <sup>October</sup> AD 1818- The subscribers as Selectmen of the Town of Norwich humbly sheweth That in the spring of 1816 they incurred an expence in relieving or supporting a Squaw by the name of Eunice Wyouk to the amount of twenty nine Dollars ninety nine cents - which they supposed at the time was a good charge against the mohegan tribe of Indians, and accordingly made a demand on them for satisfaction, but they refused payment on the ground she was not entitled to any portion in th elands of the tribe, nor to be supported out of the avails of the tribe, as according to the Indian rule none but full bloods could claim any portions & her father being an Indian belonging to some other tribe they ruled her out as an alien- As their were many cases of this kind, which threatened the overseers of said tribe with sundry lawsuits; they prefered a petition to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Afsembly holden at Hartford in May AD 1817 - praying that a committee might be appointed to determine what mode should be adopted relative to the manner of inheritance among said tribe of Indians; which said committee after due investigation reported to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Afsembly holden at New Haven in October 1817 that none were to be considered as belonging or having any claims upon the tribes or their property but what were descendents from parents both of which ~~must~~ <sup>were</sup> natives of the Tribe which report was accepted and approved- accordingly your petitioners

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have abandoned their claim against the overseers of said tribe & have no legal claim or demand on any person, tribe or town for their pay - under these circumstances your petitioners pray your honors to take their case in to your wise consideration and grant them relief; by directing the contr-oller of public accounts to adjust said claim & draw an order on the Treasurer for the amount thereof, or in such other manner as shall be thought proper-

Dated at Norwich this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1818

Roger Huntington	}	Selectmen of the Town of Norwich
John H Townsend		
Eben Backus		
Eleazer Rogers		
General Afsembly	}	
October Sefsion 1818		

In the Upper Houfe . The prayer of this  
Petition is granted, with liberty of a bill &c.

Attest. Thomas Day, Sec<sup>y</sup>

in House of Representatives

The prayer of this Petition is not granted

Attest. S A Foot Clk

In the Upper Houfe The Hon. Mr. Lanman is appointed to  
confer with such Gentlemen as the Houfe  
of Reps. may appoint on the different  
Notes of the Houfes on this Petition.

Attest. Thomas Day Sec<sup>y</sup>

House of Reps appointed Mesr<sup>s</sup>

N. Griffin & Mix Com<sup>tee</sup> of Conf<sup>e</sup> Attest S A Foot Clk

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On report of Committee of Conference, & on motion for  
Reconsideration & concurrence, the House of Representatives  
adhere to their first vote

Attest S A Foot Clk

[verso:

Petition of the 1818  
Selectmen of  
Norwich

G. U. H.  
N. H. R.  
Com<sup>ee</sup> Conf<sup>e</sup> U. H.  
Pass<sup>d</sup> H. R.  
adhere H. R.

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