

Petition  
of  
Six Nations of  
New York Indians

Relating to Kansas Lands

See Report on 2092  
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Daniel Safort  
Joseph Isaac                      Onondagas

All of whom are duly constituted and accredited delegates from the Six Nations of New York Indians to visit the city of Washington D. C., and present said petition and the claims of said Six Nations for compensation for lands in Kansas as set forth in said petition.

Benj. G. Casler  
U. S. Indian Agent.

To The Hon. Congress of the United States of America duly assembled.

We the undersigned Sachems, Chiefs, Headmen, and Warriors of the Six Nations of New York Indians duly assembled in the Onondaga Council House of the Onondaga Reservation this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1883. Do most humbly and respectfully Petition to your Honorable Body for a relief of our claims in the Kansas lands growing out of the various treaties made in favor of said Six Nations of New York Indians, namely by the Treaty of February 6<sup>th</sup> 1826, also Treaty Proclaimed February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1829, also Treaty Proclaimed July 9<sup>th</sup> 1832, and Appendix Proclaimed March 13<sup>th</sup> 1835, the above mentioned know as Menominee Treaties. Finally by a Treaty which was proclaimed April 4<sup>th</sup> 1840.

According to Schedule "A" therein found with the New York Indians as amended by the Senate and assented to by the several tribes, concluded at Buffalo Creek in the State of New York January 15<sup>th</sup> 1838.

Your humble Petitioner further show and understand their claims to be thus, that in the Menominee Treaty Proclaimed February 6<sup>th</sup> 1826, in Article "8" that the Menominee Indians of Green Bay, did cede lands to the New York Indians by purchase the above cession mentioned were finally settled and secured to New York Indians by the United States in the Menominee Treaty Proclaimed July 9<sup>th</sup> 1832, also in the Preamble of the Treaty of 1838 between New York Indians and the United States in the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse. That the said United States acknowledged that the Green Bay lands was purchased by the New York Indians so it was theirs by purchase, and in article first by the same Treaty the said Green Bay lands, were theirs to cede and did cede it to the United States.

In consideration of the above cession on the part of the tribes of the New York Indians the United States agreed to set apart a tract of country situated west of the State of Missouri in the Indian Territory of One Million Eight Hundred and Twenty Four Thousand Acres of land being three hundred and twenty acres for each soul of said Indians, which the said Indians have never or the equivalent of land ceded in Green Bay, Wisconsin to the United States.

Your humble petitioner would respectfully recommend a relief of their above mentioned claim, be appropriate as a fund to build a high school in favor of each tribe of the said Six Nation of New York Indians, and to support the same, for the special benefit of the youths of said Six Nation of New York Indians.

Your humble Petitioner still further show that the foregoing council of said Six Nation of New York Indians, the following resolution was duly adopted.

Resolved - That one copy of above petition be sent to the commissioner of Indian Affairs, one copy to Secretary of Interior, one copy to the President of the United States of America.

Adopted

Your humble Petitioner show that by vote of this Council duly appoint Andrew John Jr., as the chairman of the delegates to Washington D.C., to the proper Department of United States Government for the purpose of presenting the above mentioned claim, and support the same to make an early settlement the within Petition, also the following names appointed delegates with said Andrew John Jr.

Namely

Moses Say | \_ On behalf of Seneca Nation  
Peter Shougo |

Alexander John | \_ Cayuga Nation  
Herman Crow |

Abram Hill - Oneida Nation  
- Tuscarora Nation

Daniel Safort | \_ Onondaga Nation  
Joseph Isaac |

To you we will ever Pray.

In witness whereof we hereunto set our hands this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1883.

Sylvester Say, President of the Seneca Nation

Hiram Dennis |

Harrison Habflowu |

Marsh Pierce |

Walter Kennedy | - Councillors of the Seneca Nation of Indians

Moses Say |

Peter Shougo |

Andrew John Jr. |

Alexander John     |\_ Cayuga Chiefs  
Herman Crow       |

Elias Johnson      |\_ Tuscarora Chiefs  
James Pernpleton   |

Joseph Isaac       |  
Jacob Begbear      |  
Abram Hill          |\_ Chiefs of the Onondaga and Oneida Nations  
Henry Powells      |  
Elijah Lewis        |

Daniel LaFort, President of the Council of the Six Nation of New York Indians.  
Sesler Bishop, Clerk of the Six Nation from Cattaraugus Reservation.

United States Indian Service, New York Agency.

Randolph, January 19<sup>th</sup> 1883.

I Benjamin G. Cosler, U.S. Indian Agent for this Agency do hereby certify that the foregoing petition of the Council of the Six Nations of New York Indians is duly executed and the delegation duly appointed by the Council of the Six Nations to preserve the same at Washington D. C. to the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs consists of the following members:

Andrew John Jr.     Chairman  
Moses Say  
Peter Shaugo        Senecas  
Sesler Bishop

Alexander John  
Herman Crow        Cayugas

Abram Hill         Oneida

Elias Johnson      Tuscaroras