

Date of order.

Names of persons.

Amount of interest

1833. March	2. Peter Schermethorn, .....	16 13
" "	12. John Newhouse, .....	80
" "	16. I. & R. Merchant, .....	1 01
" July	5. William H. Harrison, .....	8 20
" "	25. Edmund Bruyn, .....	59 54
" September	25. L. S. Danberry, .....	1 93
" December	14. J. H. Douglass, .....	8 58
" "	28. Thaddeus M. Wood, .....	5 41
1834. January	10. Roswell Weston, .....	3 01
" "	" H. O. Moss, .....	1 05
" "	" Martin Spear, .....	1 07
" "	29. Charles D. Cooper's representatives,	2 53
" March	18. Ebenezer Rood, .....	1 20
" "	22. Peter Smith, .....	42 97
" April	17. John P. Weaver, .....	16 21

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. DIX, *Secretary.*  
 A. C. FLAGG, *Comptroller.*  
 SIMÉON DE WITT, *Surv'r. Gen.*  
 GREENE C. BRONSON, *Att'y-Gen.*

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# IN SENATE,

May 6, 1834.

## REPORT

Of the committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition  
 of the Ochquaga tribe of Indians.

Mr. Seward, of the Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the Ochquaga tribe of Indians, submitted the following

REPORT: *There is claim to land.*

That the said persons, who represent themselves of Indians, formed in consequence of the revolutionary war, were compelled to abandon their homes, and for a long time resided at Lewiston on the Niagara river, and subsequently lived with the Oneidas and Senecas in the state of Ohio, and emigrated with them to their present settlement beyond the Missouri.

The petitioners represent that their tribe, at the time of the revolution, were the owners of a large tract of land upon the Susquehannah river and its branches, containing about 430,000 acres; that they were friendly to the American cause in the revolution, and that they have never sold any part of the said lands, and have received no equivalent for them.

The land which the petitioners claim in behalf of their tribe is described as follows: Beginning at Owego, on the Susquehannah, and running thence a southeasterly course to the boundary line between the States of New-York and Pennsylvania, being about ten miles; from thence easterly to where the said line again crosses the Susquehannah, and situated between the said line and the Sus- [Senate No. 126.]

quehanna river, and between the Chenango river and the Susquehanna and Unadilla rivers, and up the last river about 15 miles; thence west from the Chenango to the Unadilla river.

The petitioners further allege, that they have a claim upon the State for about \$1,200, a balance remaining unpaid under treaties for other lands conveyed by them to the State.

The petitioners have appointed J. T. Schermerhorn their agent to negotiate with the State, and they pray the Legislature to pay them the aforesaid balance of \$1,200, and to make them a just and reasonable compensation for the said tract of 130,000 acres.

Accompanying the petition is a certificate, purporting to be signed by the Seneca chiefs, verifying the signatures of the Oelbunaga chiefs, and stating that the number of the remnant of the latter tribe is fifty-five. There is also a map of the tract claimed, and a letter from Mr. Schermerhorn, who is the agent of the General Government to procure the emigration of the Indians from their present settlement.

The committee have consulted with the Surveyor-General in relation to the claim of the petitioners. They have ascertained by the records in the office of the Secretary of State that the tract of land in question was purchased by the State from the Oneida and Tuscarora Indians by treaty made at Fort Herkimer on the 25th day of June, 1785. The Oelbunaga Indians were a branch of the Oneida tribe, who at that time possessed the lands in question. The committee have not ascertained that any balance is due to the petitioners, and are satisfied that there is no just claim upon the State for any compensation for the tract of land mentioned in their petition.

The committee offer the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the petitioners have no just claim against this State.

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