

Copy petition
of Lescoreros
original sent to
Donas B. Spence
to present
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No. 3

1838

To the Senate & House of Representatives
of the United States in Congress
assembled.

The Petition of the Tuscarora
nation of Indians residing in
Niagara County in the State of
New York respectfully represents

That by the treaty of January 15th
1838 concluded with the New York
Indians and assented to by the Said
Nation it is provided that the United
States will pay to said nation on their
removing West the sum of three thousand
dollars - & whereas our said nation
& individuals thereof, who are entitled
to receive portions of said money are
indebted to different individuals in the
State of New York & that it is necessary &
proper that said debts be paid by us before we
remove West & it would be dishonorable in us
to remove without first paying said debts - &
we cannot pay the same without great sacrifice
without receiving the said three thousand dollars
We therefore pray your honorable bodies to ap-
propriate the said sum & allow us to receive it as
soon as your forms of proceeding will allow it
to be done

As it is our sincere intention to remove
as soon as is required by the treaty we believe
there can be no reasonable objection to our receiv-
ing at an early day said sum of money

We have assented to the amendments
made by the Senate of the United States to said
treaty Dated Swinton New York Oct 3. 1838

In presence of
A. T. Strong
U.S. Interpreter

Nicholas Curick
Jm Chew
William Mount Pleasant
Samuel Jacobs

In behalf of the nation

The foregoing was executed in our
presence & from the Character of the
individuals & our knowledge of the nation
we are satisfied it is the sincere intention
of the nation to remove as stated & we
fully believe that the application to have
the money paid at an early day pro-
ceeds from honorable motives & that
the money would be properly applied
We therefore recommend that the prayer
of the petition be granted

R H Gillet
Com &c

Searborn
Commissioner
of Massachusetts