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PETITION

OF

A NUMBER OF CITIZENS OF NEW YORK,

PRAYING

That the treaty with the Seneca Indians may not be enforced against those who are averse to emigration.

FEBRUARY 22, 1841.

Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled :

The undersigned, citizens of the town of Alexander, and of the State of New York, being convinced that a very large majority of the Seneca nation of Indians are decidedly averse to emigration, and have never given their assent to the treaty for the sale of their lands, as amended by the Senate, either in person or by their authorized agents; and believing that the honor, dignity, and interest of the United States do not require that treaty to be forced upon said Indians; and that, on the contrary, it would be a violation of our national faith, as virtually pledged to them by the resolution of the Senate of June 11, 1838, in which it is distinctly stated that the treaty shall not be binding until the assent of the Indians to the amendments shall be given in open council—would most respectfully petition your honorable bodies to adopt such measures as in your wisdom shall appear best adapted to sustain the honor of the United States; and prevent injustice to the Indians.

A. S. Churchill
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Isaac Van Wort
G. K. Benedict
Alanson Tracy
Joseph N. Perry
George King
Albert Raw
Enoch B. Waite
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David Beckwith
Byram Moulton
O. P. J. Adams
Philip Pryer
Willard M. Smith
James Lewis
Lott Burge
Alonso Fuller

Anson Lewis
 Benjamin Barney
 Robert Nevitt
 Ephraim Burlingame
 Zenas Blodgett
 Lewis Hooper
 Horace Pratt
 W. C. Spalding
 John Stanard
 Seth Blossom, jr.
 Eames M. Allen
 Henry Markher
 John G. Tisdale
 Aid Garfield
 T. M. Houghton
 A. Stilson
 Anson Howard
 W. J. Knight
 S. R. Brundige
 Earl Newton
 H. J. Barnard
 William Gilun
 Clark Rice
 William Gree, jr.
 Thomas Cogswell
 J. M. Riddle
 Henry J. Turner
 David Kendall
 J. Potter, jr.
 Warren Thompson
 William Page
 Alanson Page
 A. H. Tilden
 Judah Wells
 L. La. Burriss
 D. Beckwith
 Thomas Hogarth
 L. Spencer
 E. Spencer
 William Ward
 A. S. Joslyn
 Walter Scott
 James Potter
 Charles Stoughton
 J. R. Jordan
 T. P. Hart
 John Richardson
 Dennis Wing
 Jonathan C. Mosher
 R. Newland
 J. L. Backus
 Alva Montgomery

Hervey Seymour
 Hiram Parrish
 Thomas Bigford
 John S. Myers
 C. Beckwith
 William L. Utley
 Jacob Stickle
 R. S. Blannerhasset
 John L. Andrews
 John R. Beckwith
 J. Van Buren
 Apollos Lincoln
 Bela Joslyn
 Jabez H. Beardsty
 Martin Pratt
 Harlow V. R. Joslyn
 Henry Bridger
 Isaac Parrish
 Eleazer T. Blodgett
 James F. Stoughton
 William F. Olds
 Asa Hall
 H. C. Demun
 J. Rand Bogart
 Harvey Wing
 J. J. Benedict
 Joseph Tanner
 John Dunnston
 Ammi R. R. Butler
 George W. Wing
 Samuel Matteson
 William O. Palmer
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 Asa Foster
 A. M. Robinson
 F. E. Winslow
 William T. Blodgett
 Gorham Newcomb
 I. Webber
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 John M. Curtis
 Russel Day
 George Wicks
 John Meredith
 H. Colton
 Erastus Loomis
 D. Davis
 Jacob Dirstine
 John Collins, jr.
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 J. N. Braddish
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