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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 in regard to those who may be averse to emigration.

FEBRUARY 23, 1841.

Laid on the table, 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 towns of Collins and Brandt, 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.

Leman F. Pitcher
Smith Bartlett
Augustus C. Boon
Wm. Siplees
G. Webster
Peleg Cransom
N. H. Knapp
John Cowdry
Samuel Stewart
Nelson Little
Daniel Hollister
Charles Averill
Wm. Roller
H. Witford
A. Rogers

Elihu Coon
John Davis
Samuel Kent
John Godfrey
John Avery
Thomas J. Allen
James Paris
Hemon Harris
Somes J. Causted
Charles H. Ramsey
Orrin Pierce
Sylvester Wood
Erastus Berry
Benjamin Flint
Arnold Flint

Oreb Parker
 Daniel B. Southwick
 Theophilis H. Kent
 Nathan Southwick
 David Chambers
 Myron Eddy
 Josiah Eddy
 Joseph Sherman
 Charles C. Sherman
 John Brooks
 Samuel Beach
 George Colony
 Wm. Henry
 John P. Roller
 O. W. Rolfe,
 Jesse Worden
 Matseib Zoller
 Jerome Palmer
 Lyman Rolfe
 Sylvanus Andruss
 E. Hitchcock
 Aaron Boon
 Joseph Kent

John F. Allen
 H. L. Clark
 Silas Wheeler
 Daniel Stanton
 S. J. Godfrey
 Zebulon Flanders
 John H. Westinghouse
 Zalvy Pierce
 John R. Simmons
 Daniel Fuller
 Earl Pierce
 William Pierce
 Isaac W. Coon
 Elisha Coon
 Jerome Harris
 Darius Odell
 Jacob B. Southwick
 Luther Colvin
 Reuben Fisk
 John Roberts
 Daniel McMartin
 J. C. Hitchcock