

MEMORIAL

OF

INHABITANTS OF KENNEBUNK, MAINE,

Praying that the Indians may be protected in their rights, and in the possession of their lands, &c.

MARCH 17, 1830.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

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

The memorial of the subscribers, inhabitants of the town of Kennebunk, in the county of York and State of Maine,

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS:

That your memorialists feel constrained to come before the National Legislature with an earnest request that the public faith may be preserved inviolate in all the transactions of the Government with the Indians; that these dependent allies, some of whom have been models of good faith and good neighborhood, may be treated with kindness and generosity, as well as with justice; that no encroachment may be made upon their right of territory, or right of self-government, as guaranteed by numerous treaties; and that they may be secure in the possessions which they derived from their ancestors, of which they are now in the peaceable enjoyment, and to the continued occupancy of which they have, in the language of the Chief Justice of the United States, "a legal and just claim," independently of any guarantee from the United States.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

KENNEBUNK, March 10, 1830.

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Witness our hands and seals, this 10th day of March, 1830.