

To the Hon. The Senate and House
of Representatives in Legislative Assembly:

Your petitioners, having become
convinced of the baneful effects of the system
of American Slavery, and, more especially,
of the national degradation occasioned by
its existence in the District of Columbia,
humbly represent, that, in their opinion,
it is expedient for your honorable body to
take such measures in the premises as may
remove this national stain from our coun-
try; and they humbly hope that you will
regard the prayer of your petitioners and suf-
fer no delay in your action thereon:

Your petitioners have seen with pleasure
the manly and energetic course pursued by
your honorable body, in acting upon the im-
portant matters which have been presented
to you through the medium of his Excellency's
annual message, and those truthinculcating
vehicles of political wisdom, the newspapers of
our time - to wit - the subject of Gen. Jackson's
fine, of Amos Kendall's claim, of the Rhode-
Island difficulties &c. &c. And, while your
petitioners believe that our National Legislature
justly appreciate the noble efforts of your honor-
able body, they also rely with confidence in
your willingness and ability to make prompt
and decisive action on the subject of this
petition, and for this they will ever pray -

Cornish, York Co. Me.

Joshua D. Small

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Petition of Joshua D.
Small and others
in relation to slavery
in the District of Columbia
and other national
matters

House of Representatives
March 10. 1843

Referred to the ~~same~~ next
Legislature.

~~Committee~~
March 8. 1843

Referred to the

Mr. John C. Suther Secy

In Senate March 11 1843

Referred in concurrence
Sen Haskell

In Senate July 8. 1844.
Referred to the committee
on the Judiciary. Sent down
for concurrence.

Sen Haskell Secy.
House of Representatives
Jan 8. 1844.
Referred in concurrence
Mr. Johnson Secy.

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STATE OF MAINE.

THE Committee on the Summary
to which was referred the Petition of Joshua D. Small
& others in relation to Slavery in ~~praying that~~
the District of Columbia & other national
matters -

have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to
Report, that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw ~~the~~
Petition.

C. Santitt - Chairman.

IN SENATE, Jan. 13 1844

Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Isaac Haskell Secretary.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan 15 1844

Read and concurred.

W. T. Johnson Clerk.