

State of Maine

In Council
JAN 24 1839

The Committee upon Indian Affairs to which was referred the petition of various members of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians asking that an allowance may be made out of the funds of the Tribe to defray the expenses of a delegation to the various Indian Tribes in the United States of America & the British Provinces having had the same under consideration Report

That in the opinion of the committee the object of the Embassy is not equal to the expense which is attached to it - that this tribe is under the protection of the Government of this State & therefore no necessity exists for this tribe to seek protection from treaties of alliance with other Tribes in their sister States - that such treaties with Tribes of a foreign nation ought not to be permitted - That the money which wd be required to ~~fully~~ carry out this mission is needed to feed & clothe the Indians of the tribe & that the granting the prayer of this petition wd be a useless waste of that fund which we are bound to husband & expend for the benefit of the whole tribe & the fruit of it wd be ^{but} the gratification of an idle curiosity - ~~on the one hand~~ ~~all which is but~~ ~~just~~

In conclusion the committee do recommend that the
prayer of petition be refused

All which is returned

John Comyn } Clerk

In Council, September 26, 1839

This Report on being read, was accepted by the Council
and by the Governor approved.

Attest,

J. R. Nichols Secretary of State

Ch. 2,
Report,
upon Petition of the
Pewabic Indians.

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