

I Joseph Butterfield of a place called Indian
Ed's town in the county of Penobscot do testify and
say that I have resided at Ed's town ever since the
year 1803. and that the fish called Salmon & had
an Alewives were abouderantly plenty in the Penobscot
River untill about 1813 since which time they have
been rapidly decreasing every season so that ~~at~~ by
this time there is scarce any to be taken in
the season of the year when they are most plenty
which has led me to believe that they have been un-
reasonably destroyed and in endeavouring to find out
the cause I am led to believe that it is owing to
the vast number of destructive Mackerels used in
the tide waters and other places that has produced
this evil, particularly the Mackerels built annualy (the
patent ones) I find on enquiry that said Mackerels were
first begun to be used about 1809 but it was not
discovered that they were entirely destroying the run of
fish in the ^{1st} river untill 1813 - now from my own observations
I feel assured that the principal diminution of
the said fish is owing almost entirely to the obstruc-
tions they meet with in the tidewaters of the
Penobscot at the season of the year when they
resort hither to cast their spawn. it is now
a fact that at Owl's town falls where I reside

that used to be considered one of the greatest
places for taking fish on the river where the
Penobscot Indians procured at least half of their living
annually. That now they cannot take a sufficient
quantity for their families to eat even in the best
part of the season and many of the white people
who used to take plenty for their own use cannot
get any by any means whatever —

Done at Odetown this 8th day of Joseph Butterfield
of January 1822 —

Subscribed & sworn to before me Jackson Davis } Justice of
me this 8th day of January 1822 } Peace

I the subscriber hereby certify that I have lived
at sunkenyer in the neighbourhood of Odetown
for the space of Twenty two years last past and I
can say from my own experience that the above
Statement subscribed by Joseph Butterfield is
in substance True

Paul Dudley
I the Subscriber was born & brought up in the vicinity
of Penobscot & am now forty one years of age
& do hereby bear the above Statement made by
Joseph Butterfield to be correct
Ebenr. Webster