I found Butterfield of a tribe called Indian out-town in the county of Sonoma to testify and say that I have resided at Out-town since the year D 1803, and that the fish called salmon that an alewives were abundantly plenty in the Sonoma from until about 1813 time which time they have been rapidly decreasing every season so that 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 unreasonably destroyed and in endeavouring to find out the cause I am led to believe that it is owing to the vast number of destructive machines used in the tide waters and other places that has produced this evil, particularly the ships built annually (with intentions) I put on enquiry that said ships were first began to be used about 1809 but it was not discovered that they were entirely destroying the runs of fish in the river until 1813. Now from my own observation I feel assured that the principal diminution of the said fish is owing almost entirely to the obstructions they meet with in the tide waters of the Sonoma at the season of the year when they resort bither to cast their spawn. It is now a fact that at out-town falls where I reside...
that used to be considered one of the greatest places for taking fish on the river when 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—

Dorn at Otsown this 5th day of Joseph Butterfield of January 1822

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 5th day of January 1822

I, the subscriber hereby certify that I have lived at farmhouse in the neighborhood of Otsown for the three 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 a brautet in the vicinity of Penobscot and am now forty one years of age

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