

Protest, of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

Whereas, it appears by an address to Sir John Harvey, Lieut. Governor of N. B. Majesty's Province of New Brunswick, signed by Thomas Francis, Governor. Nathaniel John Orser, Lieutenant. and Sabbates Neptun, Counsellor - in the presence of Thomas C. Lee, Commissioned for Indians, purporting to be the Acts and doings of the Chiefs and Principal Officers of the Melicite Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians, in general council assembled at the "French Village," on the Saint John's river, on the sixth day of July last, that the Chiefs and Principal Officers aforesaid did then and there agree to form an alliance and did form an alliance for the purpose of "displacing John Neptun, and John Nathaniel, the then Chiefs and of the Penobscot Tribes" - And whereas it also appears by said address that the Chiefs and Principal Officers aforesaid did then and there agree that the said three Tribes should be united as one tribe, of which the Melicite should be considered as the head - and whereas it also appears that the Chiefs and Principal Officers aforesaid did then and there offer their services to Sir John Harvey, Lieut. Governor of N. B. Majesty's Province of New Brunswick, assuring him that he could at all times rely upon their services when required in support of the British Government, thereby pledging themselves to bear true faith and allegiance to a Foreign Government, (so far as it respects the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes) and thereby in effect renouncing their claim to protection from the government of the United States - and whereas the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians was then and there represented by Sabbates Neptun, their General Agent, who acted in said meeting without any authority from this tribe to form such an alliance, or to make such an agreement -

Now therefore, be it known to all whom it may concern, that we, the Indians of the Passamaquoddy Tribe in general meeting assembled for that purpose, at Pleasant Point on this fifth day of August A. D. 1839, do hereby solemnly protest against the ^{said} acts and doings of Sabbates Neptun our said Agent, and of said meeting of Chiefs and Principal Officers - and we do hereby publicly declare, publish, and make known that we do not recognise, confirm or approve of the said acts and doings of our said Agent - and we further declare that all such acts and doings are null and void, and have no binding effect upon this Tribe - and we further declare that we will keep and maintain true faith and obedience to the United States, and being under the government of the State of Maine, we ask for a continuance of her aid and protection - We further declare that the said Sabbates Neptun, is no longer

an Agent, or Officer of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - and that
we wish to preserve peace and friendship with the
Penobscot and Malicite Tribes of Indians, but do not
wish to form any alliance with them, or in any way
interfere with their business or government -

In witness whereof we, the Indians of the Pas-
samaquoddy Tribe have herunto subscribed our
names - done at Pleasant Point this fifth day of
August A. D. 1839 -

John ^{from} Governor

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I Certify that I have seen and conversed with nearly
all the Indians whose names or sign above find
that they are aware of the contents of this paper and
seem to understand the subject perfectly well and
have no doubt they will remain in peace and quiet-
as a general thing though some of the tribes may be
differently disposed in case of a rupture with the
British Government -

Jonas Furmworth agent for
the Passamaquoddy
Indians

Jan 11 1839

Petition

John Francis -
Secy. of Dep. Indians.

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In Council Feb. 6. '40

Rep. to Com. on

Ind. Aff -

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P. O. John -

Sec. State,

1840

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