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To the Honorable the Senate and the Honorable the House of Representatives in General Court Assembled.

Humbly Shew your Petitioners, that Sundry Persons, principally of the Town of Bluehill, considering the disadvantages which this part of the Country labors under with regard to Academical learning, and believing that this Town on many accounts will be generally allowed to be a Suitable Situation for Such an Institution have agreed to erect a building in a commodious part of Said Town for an Academy, to be Thirty-eight by Thirty feet on the ground, two stories high, one Eleven, the other Ten feet, and to have the Same Completed, Suitable in every respect for an Academy, at or before the first day of November next, and have actually contracted for the materials and work of said building, and have also agreed to open the same for Tuition as soon after the Completion of the Said building as a Suitable Preceptor can be provided to Superintend said Institution. And have likewise agreed jointly to support the Same during the term of Ten years from the opening the Same, flattering themselves that the Said Institution will then be able to Support itself. And whereas the Said Institution will meet with greater encouragement from the lovers of learning in these parts if established under proper regulations by your Honors, your Petitioners pray your Honors to Incorporate the Same by the Name of the Blue Hill Academy with Such regulations as you in your wisdom may deem necessary for Such an Institution, and as in duty bound will never Pray.

(Signed) John Peters  
Robert Parker  
Eben Floy  
Andrew Witham  
Theodore Stevens

Bluehill, 21st April, 1802.

Since writing the Above Petition your Petitioners have been informed that your Honors have resolved to grant certain lands to those who Should come forward in these parts with a view of establishing Such an institution for the encouragement thereof. Your Petitioners therefore Pray your Honors to consider them and their Constituents as entitled to this gratuity for the benifit of the Said Academy, and as in duty bound will further pray.

John Peters  
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Andrew Whiham

Bluehill, 24nd May 1802