

To the Hon. Governor & Council of the
State of Maine

The Governor, Council & officers of the
Papamagquoddy Tribe of Indians, in behalf of themselves
and the Tribe beg leave to represent.

That the Government of the State of Maine
some years since sent a plough for the use of the
Tribe - that Saco Besin has claimed that plough &
appropriated it to himself: & whenever the other members
of the Tribe have wished to make use of it, Saco Besin
has claimed it, & they have been obliged to pay for
the same fifty cents.

That Saco Besin has taken many of the
books & slates which were furnished by the State for the
use of the school at Pheasant point, and has sold them
on the English side, as his own. & has appropriated the
money to his own use.

That the Tribe was furnished by the
State with a quantity of cedar rails for fencing in
a field for the older members of the Tribe - that
Saco Besin has claimed these. & that the Tribe has
purchased them of him for six dollars.

That Saco Besin has cultivated
a small piece of ground near the church field &
has cut the grass from the same for a number of
years - that this piece of ground was needed for the
School house so that it & the church might be within
one enclosure. & that the Tribe have paid Saco Besin
six dollars to surrender the same for this use.

That Saco Besin has for some years past, as
is believed, been in the habit of sending letters to the
Governor of the State, containing statements with regard
to the Tribe & its concerns injurious & false - that
the Tribe have been very sorry, & that Saco Besin

has been turned out of the Catholic church & now holds no office whatever in the Tribe

That Saco Besin has represented to the Agent of the Tribe & to other persons that there exists in the Tribe a feeling of hostility towards him & that threats have been made to murder him & his family: and the Agent has told the Tribe that if they continue to treat Saco Besin in an unfriendly manner, the money which was last winter appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of building a church at Pleasant point shall not be so expended. and that the lands of the Indians shall be taken from them.

These statements of Saco Besin are false. The Indians are willing that Saco Besin should live with them in peace & safety. They do not wish to injure him or his family. and at a meeting of the whole Tribe assembled to investigate these reports, not one Indian could be found who had ever made such threats against him.

The Governor, Council & officers of the Tribe would request of the Gov. of the State, that whenever he may have occasion to write to the Agent of the Tribe, he would send them a copy of his letter. - and they wish him to send them a letter upon the several subjects of this representation - the plough, the books & slates, the rails, & the money appropriated for the church and if he sees fit that he would publish this in the newspapers, to correct any false reports which may be in circulation relating to the Tribe.

The Tribe retain their friendly feelings toward their white brethren. Almighty God has made them & the white men brothers. & has commanded them to live together in peace & friendship. & the Tribe ful desirous, to obey his commands by preserving the relations of amity now and

harm of our existing. They should be extremely sorry to have any difficulties or disturbances arise between them and they have never made their representations to prevent any wrong impressions & remove any causes of difficulty that may exist.

The Gov. & Council of the Tribe had a parley last winter from the Gov. & Council of the State that if the Tribe could agree upon some man for their agent. he should be appointed. The Tribe have unanimously agreed upon Manly B. Domsund Esq. as a suitable person for their Agent, & kindly request that he may be appointed to that office

John X. Brown as Gov. of the Tribe
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Eastport May 21. 1834

Sabatus his Neptune
mark

Captain X. Sabatus

mark

Capt. Joseph his Stanislaus
mark

Nicola his Neptune
mark

Thomas his Son
mark

Deacon his Lola
mark

Comm'd of the Tribe

Pennay woody Indians