

To his Excellency John Fairfield  
Governor of the State of Maine

The undersigned members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians for themselves and for said Tribe in Council assembled at Pleasant Point on the fifth day of August eighteen hundred & thirty nine most respectfully represent to your

Excellency - as follows -

Whereas - The following a paper of which a copy here follows has been signed by Sabbath Neptune in behalf of said Tribe  
To wit -

To his Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey K. C. B. & C. B. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick &c. &c. &c.

The Undersigned Chiefs & principal Officers of the Micmac Penobscot & Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians in general Council assembled & in presence of their respective Tribes beg leave to certify to your Excellency that for the last three years the Penobscot Tribe have made application to be united to the Micmac & Passamaquoddy Tribes chiefly for the purpose of displacing John Neptune & John Nathaniel the two Chiefs of the Penobscot Tribe who had acted fraudulently towards said Tribe in disposing of their lands and valuable mill privileges thereby entirely destroying their Fisheries -

That this application for a Union of the Tribes could not be complied with until authority was received from their head Chief at Kaughrawaga to whom the matter was referred - That upon such reference authority was given to them and at a Council lately held at Penobscot at which were present the Chiefs of the respective Tribes it was solemnly decided that they should be united as one Tribe of which the Micmac should be considered the head & through the chief of which Tribe all applications or representations to your Excellency should be made & that no applications or representations should be deemed authentic or worthy of consideration not proceeding through the same channel

The Undersigned further certify to your Excellency that at a Council lately held at the French village in the County of York the aforesaid John Neptune & John Nathaniel were displaced and Tom Sarcaberis & Nathaniel John Broer were elected Chiefs of the First Tribe and that any representations of the said John Neptune & John Nathaniel are not to be considered as authorized by the Tribe -

The Undersigned have heard with great dissatisfaction that some of the Indians of the Micmac Tribe were induced last winter to sign a petition to the House of Representatives of Maine stating that they had been turned out of this Province by the British Government. They highly deprecate such conduct and can assure your Excellency that all those Indians with the exception of one who is a worthless vagabond were grossly imposed upon & were entirely ignorant of what they signed. And they further beg leave to assure your Excellency that your Excellency may at all times rely upon their services when required in support of the British Government -

Signed in my presence  
 & in the presence of the respective  
 Tribes at the French  
 Village this sixth day of July  
 1789 -  
 (Signed) Thomas C. Lee  
 Commissioner for Indians

Thomas Francis  
 Governor  
 Nathaniel <sup>his</sup> & John Broer  
 Sabbato <sup>marks</sup> <sup>marks</sup> <sup>marks</sup> <sup>marks</sup> <sup>marks</sup> <sup>marks</sup>  
 Neptuno <sup>marks</sup> <sup>marks</sup> <sup>marks</sup> <sup>marks</sup> <sup>marks</sup> <sup>marks</sup>  
 Councilor -

And whereas this statement if believed to be authorized by said Passamaquoddy Tribe might justly vitiate the Government and People of Maine against said Tribe as pledging itself to support another Government while they are living under the protection of and annually receiving assistance from the Government of Maine

Wherefore the Undersigned in behalf of said Tribe & by its direction do declare unto your Excellency & to all men that the

writing of which the above is a copy is not & never was sanctioned by said Tribe and they declare all engagements & pledges in said writing contained null and void -

And they beg further to certify to Your Excellency that the Union of Tribes spoken of referred simply to the internal affairs of the Tribes in time of Peace and was for the better regulation of those affairs but had no reference to times of war and gave to no one the power to dispose of their services in time of war.

And the Undersigned on behalf of said Tribe do hereby solemnly affirm all allegiance to the Queen of Great Britain and declare any promise of allegiance or assistance ever made to the British Government or to any other Foreign Government in their name was & is wholly unauthorized & not in any wise binding on said Tribe

And the undersigned beg leave further to state that Sabbata Neptune, who represented said Tribe at the Council at French Village and who signed the writing herewith copied, most solemnly avers that when he signed that paper he did not know what the contents of it were but supposed them to be altogether different from what they prove to be. He declares further the paper translated to him & which he supposed he signed was different from this - And the Undersigned believe this statement to be true but whether it be or not they declare that if said Sabbata did knowingly sign that paper he did it without authority from the Tribe and contrary to the wishes of the Tribe -

And said Sabbata Neptune hereby declares himself wholly free from any engagement in said paper contained and avers that his signature was obtained there to by fraud & that the Passanaguddy Tribe never authorized him to sign such Papers or to bind them by such engagements -

And the Undersigned pledge themselves

They whilst are permitted to remain under the protection of this State to be as they have been peaceable & quiet and never to engage in assist or sanction any act of hostility against the State of Maine or the United States -

And the Undersigned pray your Excellency that the contents of this communication may be made known to the other Branches of the Government & if possible to the People of the State, also order that any prejudice that may have been created against them by the publication of the paper herein copied may be destroyed and they may again be considered as in truth they are brothers and friends -

Jean-Baptiste Neptune +  
Etienne Denis +

Signed at Pleasant Point in my presence

F. Em. Demillie  
Missionary

- Noël Neptune + Lieutenant
- Thomas Golice +
- Joseph Lolo +
- Bierre Thomas +
- Bierre Joseph Neptune + Capt.
- Noël F. Baptiste +
- Thomas Lolo +
- Jacobi +
- Capt. Noël Oudnotk +
- Capt. Joseph Louis +
- Capt. Bierre Nicolas +
- Bierre Nicolas Joseph +
- Thomas + Councillor
- Joseph Maria Ouabéris +
- Bierre Michel Bédague +
- Bierre Bierre Michel +
- Joseph Noël +
- Bierre Golice +
- John Nicolas Golice +
- Bierre Michel Neptune +
- Bierre Michel Jean Baptiste +
- Jean Baptiste Bierre +
- Charles Joseph +
- Jacques Thomas Anselma +
- Louis Jaq. Thomas +
- Capt. Golice +
- Jean Bapt. Bierre Joseph +
- Noël Nicolas +
- Jean Baptiste Noël +
- J. B. Lacouta + Councillor
- Anselma Francis + Capt.
- Bierre Jaques + Capt. & Councill.
- Nicolas Neptune + Capt. & Councill.
- Anselma + Capt.

Noël Neptune. 23. 1839