To the Honourable House of Represtative’s of the Colony of ~
Connecticut now Convened in Hartford in said Colony ~

The Memorial of Elijah Wimpey Solomon Moſsuck Samuel
Adams and Thomas Moſes, and the rest of the Tunxis Tribe of
Indian Natives now living and Inhabiting within the Town of
Farmington in said Colony Humbly Sheweth That your Honors
Memorialists, have allways lived, and in habited in the said Town of
Farmington, by means whereof that most of us have . . . . in some Meaſure
become acquainted with, and formed some General Ideas of the English
Customs and Manners, and many of said Tribe have been instructed in
Reading and writing in English, and have at Conſiderable expence
in attaining the same, and furnishing our Selves with Bibles and some
other Books in English; for our further Instruction, though poorly able
to bear the Expence thereof, and we being deſirous to make further proficiency
in English Literature, and especially to be acquainted with the Statute Laws of
this Colony, which appears to us highly Neceſsary, since our English ~
Fathers inform us that we are Conſidered by them as being Subject
to the Laws and Civil regulations of this Colony, and many of said Statutes
being made with a Special view for the Government and regulation of the
Indians Inhabiting within The Colony We your Honors Humble Supplicants
do therefore pray your Honors to give us a Colony Law Book, to Guide &
Direct us in our Conduct, and your Memoralists as in Duty Bound
shall ever pray Dated at Farmington May 25:th AD 1774.

Elijah Wimpey
Solomon moſsuck
Samuel Adams

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Test George Wyllys Secret

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