Unto his Honr The Governour & Hond General Aſsembly of Connecticut to meet at Hartford May 8th AD 1755

The petition of Benj Uncas Sechem & his Council in name & behalf of the Mohegan tribe of Indians

It being a Scarce time for Corn, many of the tribe cannot keep their Children at School meerly for want of having a pece of Bread for their Childrens, x x Dinner and theer are many orphan Children, and Children whose father is gone & going into this present expedition, whose mother is unable to provide a Dinner for their Child. The School has had good effect amongst us, many not only taught to read the Bible but Some to write, so that wee Hum :bly apply to your Honrs for a Small provision of 25 or 30 pds old tenor to provide a pice of Bread & Cheeſe for the Childrens Dinners and if this Succeed (as wee hope it will) to the increasing Learning & knowledge amongst us, Wee are incouraged that the Revd mr Jewett will apply the Honble Commiſsioners at Boston, for a Dinner for the Children the winter Season. This petition is presented at the Desire of our Sd minister and Adonijah ffitch Esqr, who will See that this gratuity if granted shall be faithfully apply’d. Our Tribe has always been ready to goe upon all Expedi-tions in the Defence of this Government, and many of our Number is embarkt in this present undertakeing, our Schoolmaster has agreed to bake the bread gratis for the Children.

May it therefore pleaſe the Honble Afsembly to allow us Such a gratuity of 25 or 30 pds old tenor to be paid to the hands of Adonijah Fitch & mr Jewett for the uſe of providing a Dinner for the Children, and wee hope the Commiſsioners will conteanue the Same to us, as was Done in the Day of Capt. Maſon our former Schoolmaster and your Petitioners Shall ever pray.

Benjamin Uncos Zachara Johnston his marke
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In the upper Houſe
On this Memorial granted that there be paid out of the public Treafury, fifty Shillings lawful Money, to a proper Perſon to be applied, for the uſe and purpoſe abovementioned, and that a Bill in ffform may be brott in Accordingly
Test George Wylys Secrety

Concurred in ye Lower house
Teft Jno. Fowler Clerk
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Benja Uncas &c
May 1755
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