

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut to  
 be Convened at Newhaven in S<sup>d</sup> Colony on the 2<sup>d</sup> Thirsday of october  
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The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed by your Hon<sup>rs</sup> at Your Sefsions in May Last on the  
 memoriall of Zachary Johnfon Simon JoyJoy and the Rest of the Tribe of  
 the Mohegan Indians Setting Forth that Since the Death of their Late  
 Sachem S<sup>d</sup> Tribe have been in an Unfettled State & Difficultys and  
 disputes arifen among them both with Regard to their Internall policy  
 as also their Possefsions & Improvements of their Lands and Distribution  
 of Rents &c.<sup>a</sup> Also Complaining that Interlopers from other Tribes and  
 Stragling Indians and Mollattoes had Crouded in upon them and had  
 Settled upon their Lands & therupon Praying for a Com<sup>tee</sup> to Examine  
 into the Matters of S<sup>d</sup> Compl<sup>t</sup> and Report make &c<sup>a</sup>--

Beg Leave to Report that having Given previous notice to S<sup>d</sup> Tribe that  
 we would Attend them at the Dwelling houfe of M<sup>r</sup> Haughton  
 on the first of Septemb<sup>r</sup> Last to hear them on the Subject matter of  
 S<sup>d</sup> Compl<sup>t</sup> and also Notifying the Overfeers of Time and place afor<sup>d</sup> we  
 Repaired to the place afor<sup>d</sup> where we were Met <sup>by</sup> the Overfeers and a Great  
 number of S<sup>d</sup> Tribe and upon Examining into their Affairs we find  
 that the Overfeers have Leafed out Severall Tracts of Land to the Satisfaction  
 of the Indians and at the Expiration of the Leafes will have a Conliderable  
 Sum of mony in their hands Belonging to the Tribe and Since the  
 Death of the Sachem they will be at a Lofs without further Instructions  
 how to Distribute the Same. while he Lived he Saved the Trouble of any  
 Distribution for according to their manner and Custom he Took y<sup>e</sup> whole  
 of the rents for the Support of his Crown & Dignity The Overfeers (in our  
 opinion) have well and Faithfully Executed the trust Repofed in them  
 according to their Commifion With Respect to the Tribe we find that  
 the old Leaven occaioned by the Long & unhappy Dispute between the  
 Indians and the Colony is not wholly Rooted out but Subfists among

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them and Influences into all their Affairs

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As to the Interlopers and Straglers from other Tribes it is <sup>very</sup> Difficult to find  
 out who they are (If any) they having no Records to find out their Genealgry  
 and are very Differing in their Acc<sup>ts</sup> and we find none but what by Blood  
 or Intermarriage Claim to belong to the Tribe and have been with them  
 for a Long Space of Years and It is very Difficult to Distinguish between  
 the whole blood and part blood We Cannot find they have any  
 Internal Civil polity among them But Seem to be in a State of nature  
 The Manner of Acquiring Lands among them is for a man to take

up as much as he Can Secure and posses it as Long as he Lives and then It Descends to his Children If he Leaves any and If a family is Extinct it is free for any New possesor which Seem'd to Answer their purpose while their Improvements were Small and y<sup>e</sup> Land abundantly sufficient But of Late Years there are many of them that have Gone into the English way of Improvem<sup>t</sup> have built Houfes & Barns and by Industry have Acquired Good Stocks of Cattle & Sheep and the poorer Sort Complain that they Take up more Land than they have Rigt to which Com=  
 plaint is not Likely to Cease untill all were Equally Industrious or Equally Indolent or unless the overfeers had Authority to Deter=  
 =mine how much any one might Take up We Cannot See how they Can Long Subsist in peace with out Some Internall Policy, There are Some among them who Seem to Desire their old form But farr the Greater part Declare against a Sachem But have no plan of Governm<sup>t</sup> [ *illegible crossout* ] in Lieu therof There is about 40 Families and Seem to be [ *illegible crossout* ] Encreasing The Children appear to be numerous The Commis=  
 ioners at Boston allow about 20 pounds to a Schoolmaster for the Education of their Children <sup>^</sup> which with Some Small privilege allowed him by Improving a few acres of Land is all the Incouragement the Master has which he Informs is not Suffic<sup>t</sup> to Support him with all his best Oeconomy We Urged upon them to Agree that the overfeers Should pay to the Schoolmaster annually Ten pounds

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out of the Rents in their hands But Could not obtain their Consent upon the whole we are of opinion that Some New Instructions and Authoritys be Given to the Overfeers as your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Shall think meet All which [ *illegible crossout* ] is Submitted by your Hon<sup>rs</sup> most Obedient Humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Sept<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>: AD 1774

Jabez Hamlin	} Com <sup>tee</sup>	312c
Jz Huntington		
Joseph Spencer		

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The foregoing Report of the Committee is accepted and approved And Jabez Hamlin Esq<sup>r</sup> and such Gentlemen as the lower Houfe shall join with him, are appointed & directed to draw up, and bring in a proper Bill purfuant to the said Report, upon the subject Matter thereof

Test George Wyllys Secret<sup>y</sup>

Concurrd in the lower houfe and M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Huntington & maj Philips are appointed to join the Com<sup>tee</sup> from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> upper houfe for y<sup>e</sup> purpose afores<sup>d</sup>

Test Rich<sup>d</sup> Law Clerke

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Report of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>  
on y<sup>e</sup> Mem<sup>o</sup> of  
Zach. Johnson &c  
Mohegan Indians

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The Colony of Connecticut D<sup>f</sup> to the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed  
Pr the Gen<sup>l</sup> Asembly in May <sup>^</sup>Last to Examine the  
Indian affairs at Mogeheh

To Jabez Hamblin 3 days in S<sup>d</sup> Service at 12/ £1..16..0

To Jabez Huntington 2 days at 12/ 1.. 4..0

To Joseph Spencer 2 days at 12/ 1.. 4..0

£4.. 4..0

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In the upper Houfe

The above Account of the Comittee, &c is allowed and the Treafurer is hereby  
Ordered to pay the same to them, out of the public Treafury accordingly

Test George Wyllys Secret<sup>y</sup>

Concurrd in y<sup>e</sup> Lower Houfe

Teft Rich<sup>d</sup> Law Clerk

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