To the Honorable the General Assembly
for the State of Connecticut now –
Convened at Hartford in and for said
State.

The Humble Petition of Zachry Johnson
Eldest Counsellor of the Mohegan Tribe of
Indians, in Behalf of himself and Brethren
Sheweth.-

That Your Petitioners beg leave
to Remonstrate to this Honble Aſsembly, that
they Labour under Inconceiveable Losſes and
difficulties, in regard to their Rights and
priveledges, in the Mohegan Land, which
for the most part is poſſeſsed and occupied
from Time to Time, by Strangers, as well White
People and Negroes as Indians who are not of
The Mohegan Tribe, and by their Living on said
Land commit many Trefpaſſes and wastes
on the same making great profits of the
produce of the same to their own Advantage
and to the great Damage of your Petitioners

And your Petitioners further humbly beg leave
to represent to the Honble Aſsembly, that by
such Strangers living on said Land they Cunningly
Evade paying any Taxes, towards the Support
of Government or the Expences of the present
war; Your Petitioners therefore humbly beg
the Honble Houses to take the Premises into
their Consideration, and hope they will be pleased
to Order the said Strangers to depart from the
said Land, if not it will be of Infinite damage
to Your Petitioners, and as they conceive a Nusance
to the Government of this State.

And yr Petitioner as in Duty Bound
will Ever Pray

Zachry Johnson &ca

[verso:

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Upon the within Petition,

Resolved that the Comtee Jabez Jabez
Hamlin Huntington & Jos Spencer, & they
are hereby appointed a Comtee to repair at some
convenient Time to said Mohegan & there enquire
into the State & Circumstances of said Tribe & their
Lands, & into the Matters of Complaint mentioned
in the within Petition & to hear all the
Parties concernd therein— & Report make with
their opinion of what is proper & expedient
to be done thereon— to the Gen¹ Aſsembly
at their Sefsions in May next –
pafs’d in the upper Houfe
Test George Wyllys Secret’y
Concurred in the Lower House
Test Jedb Strong Clerk

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