To The Honourable The General Assembly for the State of Connecticut
The Memorial of Zachry Johnson Eldest of the Mohegan Tribe of Indians in Behalf of himself and others of the same Tribe Humbly Sheweth.

That your Memorialists are of the true Tribe of the Mohegan Indians and have an ~ Hereditary Right to all Priviledges belonging to the same, But that they are at present under great Disadvantages and Inconveniences from the Incroachmts of Strangers Inhabiting on the Mohegan Land, and that said Strangers as well White people as Indians Commit great wastes and Depredations on the Produce of the Same, more particularly in Cutting The Timber and transporting it from said Land to their own private advantage, and also every other Article of the produce of the same, bidding defiance to your Memorialists and also to an Act of Assembly formerly made in behalf of your Memorialists for preventing the Same, that your Memorialists are in a very Suffering Condition on this Account not having sufficient allowed them for a Comfortable Support, nor do they think if said Foreign Indians and White people are allowed to go on in the manner they do at present they will leave your Memorialists an Acre of Land to plant or a Stick of wood to Make a Fence or Fire Wherefore your Memorialists humble beg this Honourable House will be pleased to Order some Method to be adapted that the said Strangers may either be warned off said Land (who flock thither to avoid paying Taxes to the State) or that they may be prohibited from – Trespa$ing on the same as they now do, and your Memorialists beg leave to represent to Your Honours that by the Behaviour of said Strangers they are in every Respect as much as they dare to be inimical To these States in the Causes now engaged in, which they beg Your Honours would Enquire into as you shall seem Meet and your Memorialists will Ever pray Zachry Johnson and others vert

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321b We beg Leave to Acquaint this Honourable House Farther that the said Foreign Indians and Strangers Chiefly Sell the Fire wood and other produce of the Mohegan Land for Spirituous Liquors whereby they are Continually Intoxicated and are made uncable of Civil Society which they humbly Sol[ illegible ] may be prevented as the Honourable Assembly
shall seem think proper, they farther Beg [illegible]
as all the Family of the late Sachem Uncas
are Extinct Zach Johnson or some other
sober discreet Indian may be appointed head of
the said Tribe pursuant to the last Will of the
late Sachem—

In the upper House

Jabez Hamlin, Joseph Spencer & William Williams Esq
or any two of them are appointed a Committee to enquire into the
matters alledged in this Memorial and redrefs the
Greivances complained of so far as they can and make
report to this Assembly in may next.

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Concurd in the lower Houfe
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