

MEMORIAL  
OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE SENECA NATION OF INDIANS,  
REMONSTRATING  
*Against the sale of any portion of the Allegany Reservation.*

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FEBRUARY 27, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled :*

Whereas a report has come to the authorities of the Seneca Nation of Indians that white settlers residing upon the Allegany Reservation have petitioned in the shape of a bill to the legislature of the State of New York to pass a resolution requesting Senators and Representatives of the State of New York in Congress to procure the passage of some act, or the formation of a treaty with the Seneca Nation of Indians, whereby a title may be obtained to the whole or a portion of the Allegany Reservation, or such relief secured for white settlers as the circumstances demand, and that such resolution has been passed by the legislature of the State of New York and the same introduced to the Senate of the United States; and whereas this action on the part of the white settlers residing on the Allegany Reservation has been done by and without the knowledge of the Seneca Nation; and whereas the Seneca Nation have not and do not desire the sale of any portion of the lands they now occupy; and that the Seneca Nation of Indians, yet considering themselves the wards of the United States; now, therefore,

*Resolved by the council of the Seneca Nation in council assembled,* That we solemnly and earnestly protest against the recognition and passage of such an act as the white settlers on the Allegany Reservation demand; the council of the Seneca Nation hope and pray that their rights and interests may be protected from the avarice and encroachments of the white settlers residing on lands occupied and belonging to the Seneca Nation of Indians in the State of New York.

*Resolved by the council of the Seneca Nation,* That they earnestly request and pray that their great father, the President of the United States, will use his utmost influence in Congress in averting that which would prove detrimental, and jeopardize the interest of the Seneca Nation of Indians.

Your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Done in council at Red House, on the Allegany Indian Reservation, February 14, 1871.

WILLIAM KROUSE,  
*President of the Seneca Nation of Indians.*

T. F. JAMESON, Clerk, &c.