

To the Honourable the President & Council & Members of Congress
Sitting in Washington City — North America Nov. 1812

The bearers of the following petition will humbly shew the deplorable situation we a number of Citizens of the Indiana Territory Northwest of the Ohio are placed in. We are exposed to the Ravage of our Savage Neighbours daily without the least shadow of defence we consider ourselves unable to defend ourselves, and of necessity must abandon the country if we obtain no relief soon; our frontier lies in a long string for near forty miles along the river and very thinly settled so that not a man could leave home to perform a tour of duty and his family be considered to be safe, the fact has been lamentably proved in the affair of the peggish raust where some of the men were called on duty and their families in their absence massacred at home, through the disingenuous conduct of some of our inhabitants we must ascribe in a great measure our exposed condition and should surely have obtained some relief or assistance from some quarter before this, therefore we can no longer remain as we are —

We hope your honours who contend for Justice and the Rights of our nation will not neglect Justice and protection to your Citizens, we have bought the land of you and many of us has paid the uttermost farthing for it without the least remittance, we have exposed ourselves & families to obtain some land to make a living on, we have endured the difficulties of settling in the woods.

Now we appeal to yourselves, if you think it is fair to set the indians on us to kill and scalp us, without affording us the least protection, it seems hard to rob a man, but still harder to kill him too, (this by the by.) but we hope better things of you, your wisdom will devise some defensive measure for our frontier unless you think of giving up Territory instead of gaining more we are of opinion that for the encouragement of volunteer involvement for the above purpose of defence if your Collective wisdom should think fit to give each Volunteer one Quarter Section of land, for the payment of such Volunteer for his services for one year, and in proportion for any time the may serve, more or less, the land to be given on the frontier, where such services are performed we make no doubt but a sufficient number might be raised in that way, But by whatever way you afford us protection we your petitioners are agreed, and our attachment ^{to the} Union and independence of America is firm and we are willing to bear our share of the burden as far as reasonable but unreasonable things or impossibilities you cant expect we therefore again solicit your honours for speedy relief or it may perhaps be forever too late for us, your attention to the foregoing will lay us under the strongest obligations and are in duty bound to pray &c &c &c

Tefferson County Indiana Territory

Articles of a School between George Shannon teacher of the one
part And Sundry Subscribers in the Vicinity of Driners Creek meet-
inghouse of the other part - The sd George Shannon on his part Engages
to teach those Scholars Committed to his Care Spelling reading writing
and the Common rules of Arithmetick, for the Moiety of Eight dollars
per Scholar per year, one half in money the other in Merchandisable property
Namely pork linnen Sugar wheat, or wool, the Subscribers provided the
don't like the teacher ^{any at liberty} Quit at the End of Six Months, by pay up for the
Same, ^{shall be paid to} attention ^{proper} hours five days in the week and no partiality
shall be ^{shown} to any Scholar under his Care - thus far Engageth the teacher
And the Subscribers on their part Engageth to furnish a sufficient
house to teach in, and if Continued the year to find a sufficiency of
firewood during the winter Season, and to provide their Children with
paper and suitable books for them to make progness in their learning
and to make payment of one fourth of the tuition at the end of
Six Months, if the Continue the year and the ballance at the
Expiration of the year B^c To hold

Petition
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Congress

Submitted at Washington

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