

To the Hon

The Governor & General Assembly of the State of Rhodisland

The petition of the undersigned humbly represents that (he the petitioner) is a pure member of the (now almost extinct Tribe) known by the name of the Narragansett Tribe of Indians - that he lived & grew up amongst them untill he had attained the age of about eighteen years - that at the time he traveled into the State of N.Y. he was the just & legal heir to certain Landed Estates by his ship which Estates Decended to him in a Direct Line from his grand father - Grand Mother, & Mother, & which Estates are Situated in the Town of Charlestown or Indian reservation in the State of Rhodisland - that in about the year 1822 - or 3 - your petitioner traveled in to the State of N.Y. & Connected himself amongst with the Brothertown Tribe of Indians - married a member of said Tribe & Subsequently in 1831. emigrated from thence into a District of Country now known by the name of Wisconsin Territory - that he in common with the said Brothertown people in the winter of 1839 petitioned the Congress of the United States for the passage of an act by which the Brothertown Indians should be recognized as Citizens of the United States to all intents & purposes & should be entitled to all the rights privileges & immunities of other Citizens of the union &c. & which said act was passed on the 3^d of March 1839 - therefore the prayer of your petitioner now is that he shall Not be Deprived of his right of Inheritance in the Narragansett Reservation. But that your Hon body would Pass a special act granting your petitioner the privilege

& power to sell & convey away his right & title to the above
mentioned Landed Estates to any person or persons whatever at
such price as may be agreed on by himself or agent & the
purchaser or purchasers - therefore your petitioner reposing
full confidence in the justice of his ^{cause} most earnest prayer to
the Disinterestedness & ardent Desire to promote the Happiness & to
secure ^{the} rights of your fellow citizens from being wrenched from
them which so conspicuously Develops itself in all your deli-
berations as a body - he feels an assurance that your Hon body
will not turn a Deaf ear to the Humble request of one who is
just entering into a participation of the benefits of those Dear
privileges ^{the most} of which your Hon body so well Shows how to appreciate
& that you will be pleased to grant this his most earnest prayer
and as in Duty bound your petitioner will ever pray
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Manchester Wisconsin Territory July 5th 1840
Thomas Commuck

P.S. for any particulars I would refer to the Rev
Moses Stanton whom I have requested to present this
petition

Petition of Thomas Comstock
for Sale of Real Estate

118 H R Cany 26th 1841

R.R. to Com. on Real Estate
J. A. P. Clerk
referred to the House

Clark Chase for the
Committee

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Prayer granted so far as
to allow petitioners to sell
to the tribes or any part
of the tribes J. A. P. Clerk

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Thos. Comstock Esq

To the Hon^{ble}
the General Assembly
of the State of R. I.

Care of Moses Stanton
Charleston, R. I.
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F W. J. Fox
July 7th 1841