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which have been adopted for conducting the business of the Register's Offices, I enclose you a complete set of the forms transmitted to those Officers, and a copy of the Letter of instructions to them—You will also receive herewith, twenty blank Certificates to be granted upon payments of the first installment being made to the Receivers or Treasurer of the United States—and a like number of blank final Certificates, to be granted when the payment of the whole purchase money is completed—

These Certificates it will be remarked are to be granted by you only to the Registers of the Land Offices in cases where they are themselves the Purchasers of Lands.⁹⁸

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MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FROM CITIZENS OF THE TERRITORY

[LC:HF:6 Cong., 2 sess.:DS]

[October 22, 1800]

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled.

The Memorial of a number of the inhabitants of that tract of Country Situate between the Miami rivers, and North of a tract of land granted by letters patent to John Cleves Symmes and his associates, most respectfully sheweth: That we your memorialists, from many circumstances, had reasonable grounds to believe, that the above named M^r Symmes had contracted with the United States for the lands on which we are settled, and that he would obtain a title for the same, under which impression we became purchasers and many of us paid the purchase money in full, and sundry of us at a period much earlier than his obtaining the letters patent aforesaid. Many of us migrated with our families immediately after the termination of the Indian war under all the disadvantages incident to such a crisis, since that, much of the money remaining after payment for our lands has been expended, and the whole of our labour employed in clearing the wilderness, and making such other improvements as the wants and conveniences of Society require, among which Roads and Mills have been subjects of much labour and expence, for several years we felt secure and laboured with chearfulness, nor was it until June one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine that we were fully convinced that M^r Symmes' claim was held as a nullity, when the Act of Congress reached us granting the right of pre-emption to purchasers of certain descriptions. Our situation a year ago induced us to forward an address to your Honourable body by the Gentleman delegated to Represent the Territory in Congress, as we have not obtained the

⁹⁸ Acknowledged Oct. 30, 1800 (GLO, Div. E, Ohio SG, vol. 64, 1797-1804).

relief we prayed for in that yet we do not give over suit, but firmly relying in the equity and Bounty of Congress trust that our case will be taken into consideration early in the ensuing Session, and that the question will be determined whether we can apply without further waste of time to M^r Symmes for our titles or a reimbursement of our monies. Should M^r Symmes not obtain a patent we trust that all of us who hold under his claim, until one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine will obtain a pre-emption right upon the same terms on which M^r Symmes might have held the same had he complied with the terms of his original contract. Our lands we purchased agreeable to a partial survey which had been made of the tract, the meridional lines being run only and each miles end monumented which was designed to supply the place of East and West lines being run by M^r Symmes, each holder of a section holding by an immaginary line from one monument to its correspondent one on its adjacent meridian now should a resurvey be made it is probable that a considerable variation will happen in the lines, therefore we trust that this subject will merit the attention of Congress, and such provisions be made as will quiet us in the possession of the land we actually purchased, independant of whatever alteration be may be occasioned by a resurvey.⁹⁹ The foregoing is the situation of your memorialists, to whom your Honourable body will extend such relief as the merits of their case may require, and they shall &c.

October 22d. 1800

Subscriber's names

Jn ^o Crain	Robert Ross
John Barnett	John Ross
John Patterson	James Keneer
Andrew Crean	Joseph Parks
Alxand Heart	John Robison Parks.
John Hill	Joseph Parks Ju ⁿ
Jn ^o King	Ja ^s M ^c Cashen
Henry Marshall	Samuel Everman
Daniel Griffing	Stephen Welch
Henry Forgeson	Aaron Richardson
Alexander Campbell	James Small
W ^m Marshall	Jacob Richardson
Joseph Crain	Robert Carrek
Robert Lefollet	Abr ^m Glassmere
Jonathan Robbins	Alexander Woods
Jn ^o M ^c Cashin Jnr	Dan ^l Richardson
Benjamin Ross	Nathaniel Blackford
Jacob Petters	Benjamin Daniells
Jn ^o H Williams	John Rippey
Robert woods	Joseph Rippey
Geo: Livingston	Jn ^o Blair
Josiah Mott	Ephraim Blackford

⁹⁹ Cf. petitions of July 13, 1799, *et seq.*, *ante*, pp. 29-57.

Thon Kelsey	Jeremiah Enes
Jeremiah Blackford	John enes
John Blackford Ju ^r	Cyrus Sanett
John Reed	Abraham Vaneaton
Martha Bundle—widow	Jn ^o M ^c knight
James Bundle	Mathew Bolland
John Blackford	Samuel Berk
Benjamin Jones	Samuel Berke
Calvin Boll	John Berk
Geo. Harlan Jnr	W ^m Venorsdol
Aaron Harlan	Petter Sunderland
William M ^c donal	John M ^c Cabe
Samuel Boyd	James Thomson
Jonh M ^c Donel	Job Westfall
James Boyd	Andrew Westfall
William Boyd	William Shaw
Joseph hays	John Barnett
James M ^c donal	Abraham Barnett
Eprraim Leorance Jun ^r	William Westfall
Ephaim Leorance Se ^r	Joel Westfall
William Lamme	Isaac Westfall
John M ^c Clane	David Riffle
Jacob Miller	John Elles
Alexander Barns	George Adams
James Barns	John Westfall
Thomas Neal	frederick Nuts
Ephraim Bowen	Bartholomew Berry
James Snowden	Albert Banta
James Collier	Peter Banta
John Vance	henry Atchison
Jacob Snowden	John Quick
Joseph Vance	Abraham Hunt
Nathan Lamme	John Gullion
Joseph Robinson	Abratham Richardson
John Morgin	Antony Sheveler ²
John Morgan	Jeremiah Ludlo
John Mattox	Aron Richardson
Abraham Henely	John Ewing
Charls M ^c guire	Robert Edgar
Joseph M ^c Card	Richard Mason
Hennery Martin	John Vanarsdol
Justis Luse	Nathan Talburt
Elexander M ^o oleuck	Danniel Hole
John Driskil	Arial Coy
Benj ^a Van Cleve	John Hole
John Folkerth	Edmund Munger
Thomas Chovea	Jonathan Munger
Benjamin Dever	Tho ^s Clawson
Jerom Holt	Peter Clawson
George Newcom	Benjamin Maltbie
Dan ^t Green	Josiah Clawson
Ja ^s Gillespie	Samuel Foot

² Sheveier is a possible reading.

Mathew Bowling	John davis
John Clawson	Joshua Carter
Jam ^e Trousdale	James Carter
Thomas trousdale	James Stevinson
Michael Auld	John Stevinson
William Trousdail	Jonathan Garwood
John Bigger jun ^r	Benjamin Kirby
William Stitt	Joseph Carter
David Buchanan	Aron Biggs
W Humphreys	Abraham luks
James Pettiorew	Thomas luks
James Aken	Franses lukes
Benjamin Custard	William graham
Isaac Robins	James Wislls ³
Coonrod Custard	John richardson
Isaac Van Nest	John Buckhannon
Jesse Watkins	William Richson
Isaac Watkins	George lowry ³
John Kritchel	Thomas Humphres
Elisha Wade	Jonathan Huggins
Isaac Van Nest	John Cook
Meeker Squier	Garret Rettinhouse
Moses Johnson	Samuel Freeman
Cyrus Osborn	Joseph mooney
David Johnson	Frederick Moslander
Richard Watts	Leonard Leuchman
John Watts	John Freeman
James Watts	W ^m Robins
Platt Dickson	John Judy
W ^m Owens	Jacob Judy
Fergus MCean	Martin Judy
Matias Balb	Benj ⁿ Whiteman
Isaac Linley	Lewis Davis
Adam Blair	George Allen
John Gillis	John Rettinghouse
Thom ^e Gillis	William Allen
Martain Kever Se ^r	Owen Davis
Martain Kever Ju ^r	Smith Gregg
Peter Kever	Isaac Rubart
Thomas Vinerd	John Aiken
Steven Venerd	Joseph C. Vanie
Richard Luckey	W ^m Kirkpatrick
Wilam Venerd	John Wabb
Richard Kirby	John Scott
Vindle Piers	Benj ⁿ Kiser
Zachariah Clearenger	John Kiser
job Clea[r]enger	Joseph Whiting
Joseph Kirby	John Bailey
Michal wise	Jno Luce
John Steveson	Andrew Bailey
Jeams Steveson	Edward mitchel
Robard Reed	W ^m Sunderland

³ Reading uncertain.

Owen Hatfield	Elijah Stebens
W ^m Luce	Jacob Wolf
W ^m Hatfield	John Welch
Nathaniel Knotts	Leonard Petro
Aaron Nutt	John Petro
Benj ⁿ Robins	Joseph Kiles
Benjamin Warrenford	Philip Richardson
Benjamin Warrenford	William Sawers
Joseph Hancock	Andrew Crane
Philip Baltimore	Finley Russel
Boston Hoblit	Michael Ingal
Timothy Bennet	Alexander Woods
John hoblet	Samuel Campble
Richard Sunderland	John Robesson
W ^m Woods	Samuel Robison
Samuel Marton ⁵	Thomas Goodin
Thompson Enes	William M ^c Cashen
Samuel Enes	John Devor
William Dodd	Alexander Huston
James M ^c Cabe	William Concannon
Aaron Valle ⁶	Ralph french
Sabab Valle	W. Downineg
Anthony Burg	Matthias Parson
Ellis Squier	Jas M ^c Clum
Samuel Cark	Samuel Huston
Samuel L Badwin	Jn ^o Huston
Abner Crane	Edward Huston
David ⁷ Squir	Ebenezer Wead
Edward Dearth	John M ^c Grew
Martin Ayhart	William Crain
Frances Sipe	Gawn Johnston
John Belt	Philip Swartsley
Abraham Hughs	Jacob Long
Jonathan Crain	An ^d w Small
Abner Crain	William Long
Nimrod Devant	Fredrick Miller
Giles Chaimbers	David Short
Bezebel Dearth	Jno: Paul
James Dearth Jun	W ^m Paul
Adam Null	Jas Miller
Cristen Null	James Craford
Charles Null	W ^m Craford
Thomas Davis	

[*Endorsed*] Memorial of a number of the inhabitants of that tract of Country, situate between the Miami rivers and north of a tract of land granted by letters patent to John Cleves Symmes and his associates. 23^d December, 1800.⁸ Referred to the committee appointed

⁵ Possibly Marlon.

⁶ The remaining names are found on the reverse side of the several pages.

⁷ Reading uncertain.

⁸ *Annals*, 6 Cong., 2 sess., 855.

on the 18th instant,⁹ to enquire into the situation of certain tracts of land which have been appropriated for the support of public Schools and Seminaries of learning and for the support of religion, situated within the limits of a tract of land granted to John Cleves Symmes and his associates in the territory of the United States, north West of the Ohio. to Com app^d Thursday last resp.

RUFUS PUTNAM TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

[GLO:Div. E, Ohio SG, vol. 64, 1797-1804:LS]

MARIETTA *January 10th 1801*

SIR I have forwarded to the Auditor of the Treasury Department, my account closed to the 31st day of December 1800 in which I have charged for an additional Clerk for the last three months at the rate of 450 dollars per year, he has been almost wholly employ'd in the service of the United States for eighteen months past,¹⁰ but I did not conceive your letter of the eighth of October,¹¹ warranted my charging for more than the last quarter of the year—

since my last information on the subject I have drawn the following Orders on the Treasurer—

				Dol Cts	
1800					
Nov ^r 11	One order in favour of	Alexander Holmes for		500,	00
Decem ^r 31	One D ^o	D ^o	Thomas Worthington	461,	22
1801					
January 1 st	One D ^o	D ^o	Charles Greene	650	—

Notwithstanding Congress omitted the last Session to appropriate money for the purpose, yet the additional Surveys authorized by the Act of the 10th of May last, will be so far advanced, before the vendues commence in the Spring as to prevent any delay in the sales—I enclose you the copies of six contracts, entered into, in pursuance of the aforesaid Act¹²—in all of which except one, you'll perceive that the Deputy Surveyor's expectations of payment rest on the appropriation of money being made for that purpose, the present session of Congress—as soon as I am informed, that money is appropriated to defray the expence¹³—I shall enter into contracts for completing all the surveys authoriz'd by law—

I am with much respect Sir your Ob^t Ho^t Servant

RUFUS PUTNAM

HONB' OLIVER WOLCOTT Esquire Secretary of the Treasury—

⁹ *Annals*, 6 Cong., 2 sess., p. 836.

¹⁰ Cf. the Secretary of the Treasury to Putnam, Mar. 14, 1797, *ante*, p. 593.

¹¹ *Ante*, p. 113.

¹² Not found.

¹³ Act of Mar. 3, 1801, 2 STAT. 117-121.