

a red line west & an angle of another South, looking towards the Arkansas for quantity.⁷⁵

Respectfully Submitted

THO: L: M^oKENNEY

[*Endorsed*] McKenney. T. L. 18 March, 1828. In answer to the subjects contained in the letter of the Cherokee delegation.

PETITION TO GOVERNOR IZARD BY CITIZENS OF MILLER COUNTY

[NA:OIA, Lets. Recd. (Delawares and Shawnees): DS ⁷⁶]

[*March 20, 1828*]

Petition

To his Excellency Gen^l Geo Izard Gov^r of Arkansas Territory

Your petitioners Citizens of the Territory of Arkansas Miller County, and living within the Civil and Military jurisdiction of the United States humbly sheweth, That we are and for some time past been verry much annoyed by the Indians, particularly Shawanees, setling among us, building their huts contiguous to our corn Cribs & fields, pilfering from houses and Corn-cribs Killing Hogs, Driving their Stocks of Horses and Cattle among us, Cutting Down Timber &c and all done under the Authority of his Excellency Don Jose Antonio Saucedo of the Department of Texas who has given them a permission in writing, dated the 20th March 1827 at Nacgdoches to settle at this place (pecan point) untill the line between the two Governments shall be run, then they are to be confirmed in their title ⁷⁷—Your petitioners believing it to be within the power of the Executive of this Territory to cause the removal of the aforesaid Indians, humbly solicit the Interference of His Excellency—in the behalf this section of the country, Otherwise we see no prospect but of being oblided to abandon our homes and fields which most of us have cultivated from Ten to 12 years or be oblided to come to an open rupture with

⁷⁵ See *post*, p. 633. For a discussion of Secretary of War Barbour's views of Indian removal to the West, see Abel, "Ind. Consolid. West of the Miss.," A. H. A. *Rept.* for 1906, II, 365-367. In brief, a bill prepared by Barbour proposed to remove the Indians as individuals and not as tribes, and ultimately to create an Indian Territory after the disappearance of tribal lines.

⁷⁶ This document is found in a cover with the following endorsement: "1828 Papers relating to the Expedition, against certain Shawnee Indians, under the command of Colo Rector, by order of Gov^r Izard of Arkansas T^r—". No other papers are present.

⁷⁷ See Foreman, *Indians and Pioneers*, pp. 250-251, 272-273, for discussion of this episode.

them as they have frequently threatened to drive us off if not pleased with their conduct

Your petitioners will await with impatience the commands of his Excellency and in duty bound will ever pray Pecan Point 20th March 1828

Petitioners Names	James S. Hanks
J. G. W. Pierson	H. M ^o Hanks
Geo: C Wetmore	W ^m Slingland
Isaac Clover	Jonathan Jones
James Leavins	Franklin J Greenwood
Joseph Leavins	Clayborn Wright
James Walters	Elijah Cutbirth
James Furguson	Peter Cleck
William Montgomery	Geo. F. Lawton
Edley Montgomery	David Tammell
Andrew Montgomery	John Bowman
James J Ward Sen	Jas Hordy
James. J. Ward Juni	Walter Hagan
Joseph Green	John Cutbirth
John Rolins	J B Ballard
Thomas Humphris	Pharo Kitchens
Peter Hammond	Wm Hogan
David Clapp	Zachariah Killey
J. Wallis	David Lorrence
Wyatt Woods	William House
Jn ^o Newman	John Pelin—
J. Edmondson	Martin G Noll
H. Shaw	

We the Undersigned Grand Jury impaneled at the March term of the Miller circuit court for the year 1828 present that the facts stated in the foregoing petition are true and that the community suffer much from indian depredations.

Geo: C Wetmore	John Dunlop
Jn ^o Robins	W ^m M ^o Atee
Tho ^o Boatright	Thomas hunpres
James T Ward Sen ^r	Levi Davis
Willis M ^o cann	James S. Hanks
James Clark	Andrew Dolahide
John Teal	H M ^o Hanks
Pharah Kitchens	Ben Patton

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⁷⁸ See *post*, p. 632.

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