The Petition of the Warriors of the Upper & Lower Sandusky's; To the Honbl. the Congress of the United States of America.

Fathers Listen. Last August a Year our Chiefs had a Petetion drawn, and sent to our Great Father the President of the U.S. to relinquish the one half of the Reserve at the foot of the Rapids at Lower Sandusky, and to Give the other half to the Missionary who should be sent to live with us.

Fathers Listen. The Warriors have now taken it upon themselves to renew the Petition sent by the Chiefs. The Warriors and the Women now cry to the Fathers of the United States; We beg of Congress to do us the great favour we now ask for— We the Warriors and Women now speak with one voice to the Seventeen States— Fathers, we now beg of You that You will relinquish to us, the whole of the Reserve in this place.

Our reasons for asking this great favour of our Fathers are these— It is the place where we were born, where our ancesters were born; and where they, and many of our Relations lie buried— It is our most ardent wish, to live the remainder of our days in this place; and to have our Graves here with our ancesters and Relations. — Another Reason of our asking our Fathers to give us this little piece of land, is this, We are desirous to have the Gospel preached to us, and to have our Children learn to read; and we want to cultivate our land with the plough; and raise Cattle, and have a Mill to grind our Corn. In order to injoy these previledges, we must build houses, and pens fields:— But we are affraid to build houses or to make pens, & fields— for our Fathers may

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order this land to be sold to their white Children, and then we must immediately leave all we have done, and be made poor at once; and have no house to live in, nor fields to raise corn in, until we can clear land, and make them; which will be very hard for us as we have numbers of very Old people, and families of Children. We are in great trouble about receiving the Gospel, and having our Children instructed; Lest we should soon be turned away from this place.

Fathers Listen. What we ask of our Fathers is but a small matter with them;— They have lately bought a great piece of our best hunting ground; and will we expect, after they have settled that with their white Children, ask us for more of our land. We hope our Fathers will listen to our cry, and the cry of our Women, and grant us our Request. It will make us happy, and not injure our Fathers nor their white Children—

Fathers Listen. Another reason why we ask our Fathers for this favour, is this. Last year our Chiefs sent a request to our Fathers the Ministers in Pensylvania to send them a Good Minister to teach us Religion, and a School Teacher for our Children— In answer to their request; In the Spring they sent us a Minister, with three labouring men, with a teams, and farming tools— they ploughed all our ground for planting of Corn; and have helped us about our houses, and fences, and are ready to help us all they can— Our Father the Minister gives us good Council, and helps us with medicine when we are sick. They are building a School-house for our Children, and will soon have it done. We wish them to live with us; they treat us kindly, & do us no injury; and we shall be more happy for their being with us. But if our Fathers take this land from us it will break us up, & make us very

miserable. It is our wish (the Warriors) that our Fathers the Members of Congress should see the Petition, Our Chiefs sent last Year to our Great Father the President — We are informed by our Father present, that it lies in the War Office, where Congress can see it, if they wish for it. And we do cry to our Fathers in Congress, not to listen to any Petition which may be sent in opposition to this, the Prayer of their Read Children — The petition which was sent last year, in opposition, to the one sent by our Chiefs; the Wiandot People of our Towns do not know from whom it was sent.

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Hur, roone uh
Rosh shaw rooh

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Che, oon, shoa, rooh
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Yan, doo, toh, shah
Zhash, sho, one, nep
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