

The committee upon Indian Affairs to whom was referred the petitions and circumstance of the Stockbridge Nation - With certain other documents with the Surveyor General report them

Respectfully Report

That by a Memorial dated Jan 21 st 1823 certain Chiefs and warriors of the Stockbridge Nation to the number of 14 petition th legislature to grant to John Sargent Junior 500 acres of land from the N.E. corner of a certain tract of land purchased agreeable to treaty by the state and to deduct \$1,000 dollars from the money due them. Stating that the said Sargent has preformed certain services for said nation. There has also been reffered a memorial dated Feb 1823 of certain chiefs and warriors of said nation in number twenty one , remonstrating in strong terms against granting any land to the said Sargent.

By reference to a certain document in the hands of your committee dated 1st December 1819 Chiefs and warriors to the number of ten did by this instrument contract with said Sargent to assist them in obtaining a session ? of certain lands in the S. western Country It appears also from a letter from the Government of Michigan Territory dated Aug 19th 1822 That the said Sargent was an authorized agent to superintend the migration - On the part of the United States. For a --- of territory situated upon the Fox River and Green Bay from the memmerials--Menomains . Nations in favor of the Stockbridge Nation and others The expense to be paid by the pertied benefited . therebt it is admitted in one of the memorials that this service has been performed Although the -----of territory obtained is different from that stipulated for by the previous agreements attended to- By the report of the Surveyor General upon this subject it appears that the land petitioned for by treaty in August last has been dispose of to the state (Being a part of the tract mentioned in said treaty) And that the consideration Money for the amount of said lands has in part been paid and that the remainder will be paid soon after the completion of the survey of the tract purchased.

Your committee upon an investigation of this subject are of the opinions That from the documents referred, tha said John Sargent Junior has rendered important services to the Stockbridge Nation of Indians .

But inasmuch as the land -----for belongs by a treaty of purchase to the state and the nations title thereto fully extinguished - A difference in opinion as to the service rendered by said John Sargent exists in the minds of the Chiefs and warriors of said nation. And as their yet remains in the possession of the Nation a large tract of unsold Land from which by treaty a reservation may be made to the said John Sargent Junior. - Viewing these facts they at this time deem it inadvisable to grant the prayer of the petitioners- and would ask leave for them to withdraw the same.,
Feb 12th 1823 Wm Doolittle.,

This is a copy of the Assembly report.