

Marion Resolution in Response to Indian Removal Act, February 5, 1852

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To the Honorable The Congress of the United States of America the Undersigned, Your Petitioners, respectfully represent that they are citizens of the State of Iowa and residence on the lands formerly held and owned by that tribe of Indians called Musquaque, composed of the Sacs and Fox Tribes.

That, many of the Indians since they were removed by the government have returned to their old hunting grounds among us, that they are fast wasting away, that their children die off rapidly, that they have not sufficient force to sustain themselves against their more powerful neighbors by which they are surrounded, and they represent also that they are disposed to turn their attention to agriculture (sic), and are particularly anxious to be allowed a grant of land sufficient for that purpose somewhere on the waters of the Red Cedar in Iowa, and your memorialist sympathising (sic) with their condition respectfully ask that they may be gratified (sic) in this behalf, and that the government extend to them all the favour (sic) which their necessity demand, and particularly they be allowed to have on some terms a residence within the limits of the State of Iowa, on the unsold lands of the U.S. and that the favorable consideration of their necessities may be held at an early day, while the same will be yet be of avail to them; as in duty bound they will ever pray.

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Marion June 23, 1852.

We take pleasure in saying to the Public that these Indians have been in this County for some time and we can recommend them as Good Civil Indians, and the majority of the citizens of this County have no objection to their remaining in this country and are willing to assist them all they can.

James M. Berry.

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At a meeting of the citizens of Marion held on the 5th day of February, A.D. 1852, We the undersigned would Recommend to the Citizens Generally, that these Indians be permitted to Remain in the Contry (sic) unmolested until such times as they can petition the Gov.. for Releap (sic) or that Some action betaken in their behalf ..

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