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State of Ohio
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To The Senate and house of Representatives in Congress assembled To The honord house Dear Sirs after giving Thanks To The all wise god For his Mercys To all Mankind and us in particular For placing such wise Men as you are at the helm of our affairs Next we think it our Duty To give you all the honour That human Lips Can give For Relieving us of so grait a Burthen as The Excise and Stamp paper and procuring peecce To The States Dear Sirs since we find That your honour is kind in Reliving your Distressed Fellow Citizens we will Lay our Cause onst More before you Dear Sirs we Feels our selves Much aggrieved on The account of The preemtion Rites Being granted To some Individuals Because They have Imposed on us Settlers From $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 dollar per acre which Makes us think hard that we have underment so much hardships to settle a Cuntery and to bee imposed on by those Speculators They have sent on a petition praying For longer time presenting that they Could not Enter their lands on The account it was not Surveyed But on strict inquire you will find To the Contrary you will find That W^m Ward and others has Entered lands in the Eleventh Range by the new lines I we have never heard of Judg ~~Seaman~~ Simms Contracting For land farther out and Judg Turner has sold land on the Extreme part of his Town^{ship} if The Rite is in Those Men throo Judg Simms shoorly it was in him and he might as well Speculate as ~~tho~~ them But to put a stop to all Speculating in land and to keepe those land jobbers From imposing on poore people we hope your honours will take it into

consideration and grant that the lands may
 be sold in small quantities so that the poor
 man may get land as well as the rich and that
 all rites of preemption may cease as it is our
 wish to support and defend a Republican
 government and on those principles we think
 we have an equal right to the publick lands
 Because we have to be an equal part in
 defending the country both by our lives and
 property therefore if we have little money
 let us have little land if we have much
 money let us have much land these from

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| your Friends and Citizens | Peter Kinney | John Kinney |
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| Jo Martin | Hugh Brown | Daniel Witen |
| John Brown | The Moore | David Witen |
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| Wm Dickky | Jo Moore | John Boyd |
| Jo Cooper | Henry Marshal | Thos Phillips |
| Emuel Daniels | Alexander Miller | William Wilson |
| Isac Millholl | Samuel Miller | J. Wilson |
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| John Thomson | John Pearee | |
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| John Hook | W Smith | |
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