

State of Ohio

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Honoured Sir we are in Duty Bound To give you
 all the honour that a human person can be
 worthy of for your by part proceedings in the
 Behalf of the poore dear Sir we still hope to find
 you zealous in our cause Therefore we send forth
 our petition hoping you will put it in to the
 hands of some worthy friend that will speak
 for us you will find that those speculators ha
 sent on a petition presenting that it will
 benefit the poore But you may believe us
 that not one twentieth person on the land have
 seen their petition for it was ~~written~~ wrote in
 Cincinnati Betweene Christmas and new year
 and was carried a Boat By George Turner
 and handed to every person in the taverns
 and we will leave it to your honour
 to judge what capacity Men must be in to
 sign a petition or to judge of it Deare
 Sir my hope you will speak to the honour
 able house and mention to them to give
 us an equal chance that is to give these
 petitioners and let us have have too others
 to circulate amongst us and let the most
 in number take it Deare Sir you may blame
 us their is a great Decale of advantages taken in
 this State and we will mention one in particular
 that of W^m Ward concerning 7 years to lay his
 warrants on Reserve sections Deare Sir all we
 want is to be fair and honest and be
 permitted to get land as far as our moneys will
 get so that we may be joyful to both to our
 families and the State we live in and not be
 imposed on by those land jobbers Deare Sir
 we Remain your Friends and Citizens

AB Deare Sir I understand that ^{for Miller}
 Robert Renner is about to ^{for Miller} make
 application for the land in the books ^{for Miller} Jacob Kufman
 of Mad River but how could he ^{for Miller} Abraham Jones
 claim it if his Bargain when ^{for Miller} William Weaver
 I have the surveyors certificate ^{for Miller} Dr. M. Stannel
 certifying that it was No 16 ^{for Miller} Ebenezer Kelly
 these names ^{for Miller}

Miller James, Ohio.
Feb 2, Mar 3, 1803.

To Cincinnati 15th Feb 1803
Free
Thomas Jefferson
President of the
United States
Washington City