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Sixty - Third Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 84.

STATE OF MAINE.

*To the Lieutenant Governor of Maine, United States,
Your Excellency.*

We, the Indians of Kingsclear Reserve, York County, N. B., humbly lay at the feet of your Excellency the following petition with the full assurance that it will meet with your approbation, viz :

From time immemorial it has been the custom of the Indians of the above Reserve to bring their snow-shoes and moccasins to Houlton, Maine, and there offer them for sale without let or hindrance on the part of the customs authorities of that place. For some weeks past, however, they have been forbidden to dispose of their goods there without paying a duty of fifty cents on each pair of snow-shoes, and fifteen cents on every pair of moccasins.

Now, your Excellency, we think this a very great burden placed upon us. We are treated by every other Government in a manner totally different from the whiteman. We are governed by different laws, and are allowed certain privileges which are denied the whiteman. What little we sell in the United States cannot in any manner interfere with the trade or business of anyone, and on that account, we humbly ask your Excellency's kind offices in securing this boon for us.

If you, yourself, are powerless to grant our request, we humbly beseech your Excellency to interest yourself in our behalf with the Committee of Indian Affairs in the Legislature.

On our part, and on the part of our Dominion Government, we and they are willing to allow your Indians to trade as much as they like in our country. Indeed our Government goes so far in their relation to the Indians as to grant annually a certain amount of money and provisions to the Indians residing in Calais. If, therefore, our Government so appreciates and respects the rights of the Indians of a foreign country as to act thus with them, we hope, that if your Government refuse to respect our right, that they will be led by at least a feeling of generosity (which would indeed make us grateful to them) to grant the prayer of our petition.

Hoping that our request will be complied with as soon as possible, we have the honor to remain.

Your old servants,

The INDIANS of Kingsclear.

Signed on behalf of the above Indians.

Chief.	{	his Francis X Tonier. mark.
Deputy Chief.	{	his Andrew X Paul. mark.
Councillors.	{	Peter Tonier,
		his Sam X Brooks, mark.
		his Jack X Solomon, mark.
		his Frank X Tomer, mark.
		his Newell X Sappier. mark.

Central Kingsclear, York Co. N. B., Canada.

January 15, 1887.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 9, 1887.

Presented by Mr. SIMPSON (Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs) and on motion by Mr. COLE, laid on the table to be printed.

CHARLES W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.