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Council Chamber, January 23 1821

To the Senate and House of Representatives.

The Secretary will lay before you the treaty concluded with the Penobscot tribe of Indians, also, their release to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of all their claims on that State: I suggest the propriety of your giving to these documents your early attention, as it may be rendered necessary to have the release placed in the hands of our commissioners, (who are now at Boston,) at as early a period as your convenience will permit.

William King.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland, September 27, 1830

Alden Bradford, Esquire,

Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Boston.

Sir,

I have

the honor to inform you that your communication to the Governor relative to the arrangements to be made with the Penobscot Indians in pursuance of the terms of the Act of Separation, has been duly received. From the order of the Council enclosed the Governor infers it to be the opinion of the Executive of Massachusetts that this State has not only assumed the obligations of Massachusetts to the Indians, and prepared eventually to discharge her from them, but is to proceed forthwith to satisfy all the claims of the Indians accruing since the last payment of the annuity. You will see by the copy of the treaty concluded with the chiefs by Colonel Lewis, which is enclosed, that a different construction of the fifth article of the terms of the separation is adopted by the Executive of this State. By this document it will be seen that this State takes on itself the obligations of Massachusetts, and binds itself to the payment of a stipulated annuity, as a substitute for the Indian claim on that Commonwealth, when Massachusetts has fulfilled the stipulation required on her part, by the terms of the separation. In consequence of our assuming these obligations our Commissioner had

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Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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obtained from the tribe a release in favor of Massachusetts of all claims arising from any treaty against that Commonwealth. By the construction given to the act of the Executive of this State, Maine is bound to deliver this release to Massachusetts and discharge her from the obligations of her treaty when she is prepared to perform the stipulations, which constitute the consideration. This appears to be a reasonable and equitable construction, especially when connected with the preceding article, which provides that every description of property, which is not particularly specified in the first, second and third shall be held by Massachusetts as a fund to indemnify her against all claims of whatever description, specifically including Indian subsidies. If this fund proves insufficient, one third of the deficiency is a charge on Maine. The particular provisions made for Indian subsidies in the fourth article seems to imply that Massachusetts will continue to pay them on the terms of that article until the arrangement is completed, which is contemplated by the fifth.

With respect I am Sir &c

Ashur Ware.

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State of Maine

Secretary of State's Office

Portland 15 March 1824

Samuel Call, Esquire,
One of the Agents of the
Penobscot tribe of Indians,

Bangor.

Sir,

The Governor has been recently giving his attention to the situation of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, and has presented a statement of their condition to the President of the ~~United~~ United States, for the purpose of procuring for the benefit of these tribes, a portion of the fund appropriated by the Act of Congress, making provision for the civilization of the Indian Tribes, adjoining the frontier settlements," passed March 3 1819. in answer he has been assured that his application will be successful, and that the same encouragement that has been extended to Institutions established among other tribes, for their civilization, will be extended to such as have or may be established for the same purpose among the tribes of Indians in this State. The enclosed ~~o~~ copies will show the conditions and regulations under which this fund is applied. ~~These~~ conditions must be complied with before we can derive any benefit from the appropriation. The Governor wishes you, as the Agent of the Penobscot Tribe, to collect and report to him, as early as practicable, all the information necessary to enable the President to make such a distribution, as

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Samuel Call,

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the circumstances and situation of that tribe will justify. The Governor entertains a strong hope, that the assistance to be obtained from the United States will be such as to enable the association formed in your vicinity the last season, or some other instituted for a similar purpose, to carry into full effect its benevolent intentions. He is anxious that this subject should receive your early attention, as it is very important that your report be laid before the President previous to the adjournment of Congress.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

Your most obedient Servant

A. Nichols Secretary of State.

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Portland June 12 1824

Revd. Elijah Kellogg

Portland

Sir,

Herewith you will receive a letter from the Secretary of War, addressed to the Hon. John Holmes, of the Senate of the United States, and, by him inclosed to me, from which you will learn that the Government of the United States have complied with a request made by me, some time since, for an allowance out of the Indian Civilization fund, to assist in erecting a school house and supporting a school for the instruction of the Passamaquoddy Indians, From the papers, you will perceive, that the superintendance of the school, when established, is to be entrusted to your care: and, that it will be proper for you, as occasion may require, to correspond with the Secretary of War upon the subject.

You will also herewith receive fifty dollars, appropriated by this State, to be expended among the sick and indigent of said tribe, and the further sum of seventy five dollars to be expended for the improvement and instruction of said Indians in the English language, and for their encouragement and assistance in Agriculture. The expenditure of these sums is likewise ~~confided~~ confided to you.

It is the wish of the Government of this State, and it appears to be that of the United States also, that the Indians, be instructed in the rudiments of the English language, so that they may be enabled to read it understandingly and in agriculture.

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Rev. Elijah Kellogg

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and in Agriculture. The Indians may be assured that it is not the intention of this Government to interfere, in any manner, whatever, with their religious sentiments: but merely to afford them such instruction as will enable them to obtain a more certain and comfortable subsistence than they realize at present.

Your will assure the Indians of the friendly views of the Government, and that this assistance is afforded for their benefit, but, that they can receive it in no~~o~~ other way than by yielding to the propositions of the Government, made through you. You will report from time to time, your proceedings, in expending the moneys appropriated by this State, and in closing the concern, will take care that your accounts be supported by satisfactory vouches,

With respect, &c.

Albion K. Parris.

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Council Chamber

Portland, 20 Nov. 1820

Mark Trafton, Esquire,
Bangor

Sir,

The Legislature of the State at their first session, made it the duty of the Governor and Council to designate some suitable person or persons to take care of the Government Lands, and see that the timber thereon is preserved from plunder, the Council in attending to this part of their duty, have united with me in opinion that the business of attending to these concerns of the Government, can with propriety, be confided to you, so far as relates to the Penobscot river, and its branches; and a commission for this purpose is accordingly enclosed:

It is made my duty Sir, to give you the necessary instructions for the government of your conduct on this occasion. The object of this Government is to preserve from depredation the timber on all the Government Lands; and as we are guardians to the Indians, you will also take care that there is not any timber cut on the lands reserved for their use ~~for~~ for the purpose of hunting &c. ...

I am Sir, respectfully, &c
William King.

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Council Chamber

Portland, 20 Nov. 1820

William Vance, Esquire,
Plantation Numbered Six,
County of Washington

Sir:

The Legislature

Same as to Mark Trafton.

William King.

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Council Chamber, January 22 1821

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

In compliance with the order of the House of the 20th instant, requesting information on the subject of our Indian concerns, I now enclose you a copy of the treaty between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Penobscot tribe of Indians, June the 30th 1818; also the copy of a treaty between this State and that tribe, authorized by a Resolve of this Legislature of the 20th June last. These documents furnish the information requested, as they contain all the duties and obligations which this State has assumed in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians, and also the extent of territory which has been reserved for their use. The copy of a Resolve which passed March 28th 1793, authorizing a Committee to lay out and assign lands for the use and improvement of the Passamaquoddy Indians is also enclosed. The restrictions contained in this Resolve have not only been considered applicable to the Passamaquoddy Indians, but to every other tribe of Indians within this State and Massachusetts. Township No. 2 six miles square in the first Range on the Schoodiac and one hundred acres on pleasant point in the town of Perry, are all the lands held by the Passamaquoddy Indians and there is not any treaty stipulations to pay them annually or otherwise any sum whatever. The payment to be annually made to the Penobscot Indians, at the present prices of the several articles, may be estimated at about one thousand dollars. The State of Massachusetts have always considered the Indians, so far as related

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to their lands, timber or the grass on their meadows, as under guardianship; it having been made necessary that the agent of the Government should approve their contracts in this respect before they could be executed. There can be no doubt that the interest of the State, as well as that of the Indians, requires that the system should be continued.

William King.

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Council Chamber, January 23 1821

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives,

In compliance with the request of the House of ~~the~~ Representatives, I now enclose for their consideration a copy of the treaty between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Penobscot tribe of Indians, dated the 30th of June 1818. Also the copy of the treaty between this State and that tribe, authorized by a Resolve of this Legislature, of the 20th of June last. These documents furnish the information requested, so far as relates to the Penobscot Indians, as they contain all the duties and obligations, which this State has assumed in relation to that tribe: and also the extent of territory which has been reserved for their use; The ~~payment~~ payment which is to be made to this tribe, at the present prices of the several articles, may be estimated at one thousand dollars, annually. The copy of a Resolve dated February 10th 1795, is also enclosed, which will furnish all the information in my possession so far as relates to reservations in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts have wisely considered the Indians under guardianship and have not permitted them to dispose, under any circumstances whatever, of their lands, nor of their timber, or the grass on their meadows without the approbation of an Agent particularly appointed for that purpose; the interest of the State, as well as that of the Indians, renders it peculiarly necessary that we should adp~~pt~~pt a similar system: Agents not having been appointed for this particular purpose, the Government Agents for taking care of the

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timber on the public lands, have been instructed to attend to the preservation of the timber on the Indian lands also: This was rendered the more necessary, ^{as} ~~and~~ the Passamaquoddy Indians has disposed of more than two thousand dollars worth of their timber to be taken from their lands by foreigners: had there not been this objection, it may well be doubted whether their immediate wants required the aid of so large a sum. The Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature to whom ~~was~~ committee the subject of the Separation of Maine, considered the Indians as State paupers: a sum was accordingly given to Maine in addition to the lands reserved for their use, as an indemnity for ~~supporting~~ supporting them. It is therefore necessary that the property reserved for their use, should receive the particular attention of this Government.

William King.

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Bangor, September 26, 1821

His Excellency John Brooks

Governor of Massachusetts

Boston

May it please your Excellency,

As the time has arrived when the Penobscot Tribe of Indians are to expect the articles due them; under the treaty made with them before the separation, and as the late negotiation between the two states touching this subject as well as that of the Public Lands has not become effectual: it may not be thought improper to suggest, that the supplies are expected to be furnished them by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as heretofore and delivered here; the pecuniary consideration to be the subject matter of future settlement. The Government of this State has appointed their Agents to have the oversight of these Indians in anticipation of what the Act of Separation contemplates. One of these Agents, Jackson Davis, who is eligibly located would be the better man to whom to consign the articles, being also one from whose hands the Indians are expecting to receive them. He resides at Orono a few miles above this town on the Penobscot River. I would thank you to address your reply to me at Portland, as I expect to meet the Council there is about a fortnight.

I am Sir, with considerations of
great respect and esteem,

Your humble servant

William D. Williamson.

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Portland, October 7 1883

Rev. Elijah Kellog.

Perry Sir: A reply would have been made to yours of the 30th July last immediately on tis receipt: but, as the Council were not in Session no money could be drawn from the Treasury in pursuance of the Resolve of the last Legislature, in "favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians," The Council having this day advised to the expenditure of Fifty dollars for the relief of the sick and indigent of that tribe, a warrant has been drawn on the Treasury for this sum; and you are requested, in pursuance of the advise of the Council, to cause it to be distributed in such a manner as will best comport with the views of the Legislature: You will keep a particular account of the expenditure of this sum, and have each charge supported by proper vouchers. The Executive, having full confidence in your disposition to further the object for which this small appropriation was made, deem it unnecessary to give any additional instructions.

With respect, I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Albion K. Farris.

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State of Maine

Secretary of State's Office,
Portland 3 March 1824

Samuel Call, Esquire,

Bangor. Sir,

Herewith you will receive a Commission as one of the Agents for the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, and a bond to be by you executed and returned to this Office. The Indians are very desirous that the lines of their upper townships near Nolasemeck Lake should be retraced and marked, the more readily to prevent those engaged in logging from encroaching upon their timber; and the Governor and Council gave their Chiefs encouragement at their late visit at the Seat of Government that the lines should be run the present Spring. General Irish, who has been appointed Agent to superintend and manage the sale and settlement of the public lands, will leave here next week for the Penobscot, and will be instructed to call on you, and it is the opinion of the Executive that it would be well for you and the General, together with the Lieut. Governor of the tribe to go up to these townships in the course of the present month and renew the lines. You will call on Jackson Davis, of Orono, for a statement of permits granted by him for the cutting of timber on the Indians lands the present winter, and all persons who are or have been cutting without permits from him are trespassors and will require your early attention. It is said there are some such on the upper townships. Mr. Davis will continue in the Agency so far as to settle all accounts with those to whom

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Samuel Call, Esquire.

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he has granted permits, up to the close of the present logging season. It is expected that you will superintend the fulfilment of that part of the Treaty with the Indians, which relates to instructing them in Agriculture. Mr. Davis will inform you what has been usually done under this Article, and it will be proper that about the same assistance be rendered them in future; and to you is confided the care and management of their concerns generally, but more especially of their timber and lands and what ever may be conducive to their improvement in civilization.

I am, Sir very respectfully

Your most Obedient Servant

A. Nichols, Secretary of State.

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Secretary of States Office.

Portland Feb. 13 1826

Peter Goulding, Esq.

Agent for the Passamaquoddy Indians

Perry

Yours of the 30th Ulte directed to the Counsellor from Washington County, has been received and laid before the Governor and Council, and I am directed by them to say that in their opinion it will be well for you to make the agreement with Mr. Gleason as suggested in your letter. You will perceive by recurring to the Resolve of the 9th of February 1822, under which the two hundred acres were purchased as a wood lot for the Indians, that the lot is to be the property of the State, and that the Indians are to have the right to make use of the wood and cultivate the soil at the pleasure of the Government.

The Governor and Council expect that you will take charge of said lot and prevent strip and waste thereon, and that you will permit no timber to be cut and no more wood for fuel than what may be necessary for the use of the tribe. The Governor and Council further direct that you take all logs that remain on the land cut by Kendall or any other person and dispose of them to the best advantage for and on account of the State, and that you call on Kendall for payment for all the timber which he has taken from said lot at any time since it became the property of the State.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Your most Obedient Servant,

A. Nichols, Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State's Office

Portland, July 1 1826

Peter Goulding, Esq.

Agent for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians,

Perry Sir; In answer

to yours of the 6th instant, addressed to the Governor, which has been laid before the Council, I am instructed to inform you that the Executive regret that there should have been a violation of law in the excess of cutting timber on the lands belonging to the Passamaquoddy Indians. The Executive have, however, concluded, on a full consideration of all the circumstances connected with the cutting of Greene and Shaw, to advise you to settle with them upon their paying one dollar per ton, for the excess by them cut, or cut by their direction. The Executive do not advise to a settlement for the timber cut by Lewy or Barnard, except upon payment of its full
4 value, as it has ever been considered inadmissable to permit timber to be cut on the Indian townships by any person whatever, without a permit first having been obtained from the Agent. The Executive further advise that of the proceeds of the timber cut the last winter you pay over to the Indians five hundred dollars only the present year, and that the balance be reserved for their use in ensuing years: and that you ought not to grant any further permits until the balance is expended at the rate of five hundred dollars per year.

I am Sir, very respectfully

Your most obedient Servant

A. Nichols, Secy of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland 7th March 1827

Samuel Gall, Esquire

one of the agents of the Penobscot

Tribe of Indians, Bangor

Sir,

The enclosed copy of
the advice of Council, of the second day of March current, is
transmitted to you in compliance with the directions given therein.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. Nichols, Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland 22 April 1824

Samuel Call, Esq.

One of the Agents of the

Penobscot Indians

Bangor, Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to furnish you with a copy of the decision of the Council upon your representation relative to the trespasses committed on the Indian Townships in the vicinity of Nolasmenk Lake. Agreeably to the advice of the Council, you will seize all the timber cut on those townships unless the trespassers settle by paying or securing the payment, for such logs at the rate of one dollar for logs sufficient to make a thousand feet of Merchantable Boards.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your most obt. Servant

A. Nichols, Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland 22 April 1824

Jonathan D. Weston Esq.

Agent for the Passamaquoddy Indians,

EASTPORT

Sir,

Your letter of the 13th instant has been laid before the Governor and Council and I am directed to state, as their opinion, that the law of the 5th March 1821, for the regulation of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, does not authorize the respective Agents of those tribes to permit more timber to be cut, or in any way disposed of, either by the Indians themselves, or otherwise in any one year, than shall amount in value to five hundred dollars, The Council have postponed the further consideration of the complaint, relative to the Agency of the Passamaquoddy Indians, until their next meeting. The copy of the Resolve requested is herewith transmitted.

I am Sir, very respectfully

Your most Obt Servant

A, Nichols, Secy of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland 23 April 1824

William Allen Jr. Esq.

Norridgewock Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to state, in answer to your communication of the 17th instant, that the Resolve of the 17th of February last does not authorize him to negotiate for any of the Islands in the Penobscot river, belonging to the Indians, unless said Indians wish to dispose of them. That as yet no application for this purpose has been made by said tribe. Whenever such an application shall be made, the Governor will take measures to ascertain the expediency of negotiating for such Islands as may be offered, both as it regards the interest of the Indians, and the State. The Resolve, however, merely authorizes a transfer of these Islands to the State, but does not provide for their sale to individual purchases.

I am Sir, very respectfully

Your most Obt. Servant

A. Nichols, Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland, March 10 1827

Peter Goulding Esq.

Agent of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of

Indians,

Perry

Sir;

The enclosed copy of
the advice of Council, of the first instant, and copy of a communi-
cation from Jabez Mowrey, Esquire, are transmitted to you in compli-
ance with the directions contained in said advice of Council.

I am Sir, &c.

A. Nichols, Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland, December 15 1827

Hon. Amos Patten

Bangor

Sir:

I am directed by the Governor and Council to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a memorial of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians against the conduct of one of their Agents, Mr. Call, and request you to hand the same to him. ...

I am &c A. Nichols Secretary of
State.

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Executive Department

Portland Dec. 20 1827

Rev. B. Fenwick
Bishop of Boston

Boston Sir, I received your favor of the 18th instant by the last Mail, and take the earliest opportunity to acknowledge my satisfaction with its contents. There is no doubt that you can exercise a very powerful and beneficial influence over the Indians of the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Tribes. The objects to which you propose to direct that influence are such as should command universal respect, and deeply excite the interest of Philanthropists. I pray you to believe that my own personal and official concurrence shall not be wanting to purposes so excellent. With this general expression of sentiment and feeling, I am obliged to add that as far as relates to any governmental measures, the control of the executive department is so limited on this subject that (as you appear to consider) the Legislature alone is adequate to determine how far the duty and policy of the the State may require further measures in aid of you benevolent design. I take the liberty, therefore, without meaning to indicate any opinion as to the result, to suggest that a memorial from the Indians concerned, or some of the friends immediately engaged in the exertions for their spiritual and temporal welfare, would probably be the most efficient mean of attracting attention to the subject.

I am with the most respectful consideration

Your Obedient servant

Enoch Lincoln

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Office of the Secretary of
State

Portland February 7 1828

William Vance, Esq.

Baring, Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to enform you, that you have this day been appointed, by the Governor and Council, under and by virtureof the Resolve, entitled "Resolve for making the State Road from Baring to Houlton Plantation, near Baskahegn," passed the twenty fourth day of January last, and Agent, to open and make the road calladthe Baring road, through the land of this State, leading from Baring to Houlton Plantation, from the outlet of Round Poind, on Township number Two, in the first range, till it meets the road laid out by the Court of Sessions for the County of Washington, at the North line of Townships number eight and nine, being the line of township number nine and ten, in the third range, lately owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but since by said State, agreeably to the Provisions of said Resolve, a copy of which is hereunto annexed.

I have the honor to be, Sir, &c

A. Nichols, Secretary of State.

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Office of the Secretary of State
Portland March 20th 1828

Samuel Call, Esq.

Bangor Sir

Herewith you will receive a copy of the Resolves of the twenty sixth of February last, relating to the settlement of the accounts of the Agent of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, also ~~copy~~ copies of the doings of the Governor and Council of the twenty second and twenty eighth of February last in relation to the allowance and settlement of those accounts, together with copies thereof as allowed and settled by them. You will find, on examination, that there is an error in casting, in the account against the State of ten dollars and likewise an error in striking off the balance between the two accounts of twenty six cents, as stated below. I am Sir, very resp

A? Nichols, Secretary of St.

Balance of the account of Indian Funds	761.65
As allowed	
Amount of Mr. Calls account against the State, as allowed	488.26
Deduct error in castin	10.00
	478.26
Actual balance due from Mr.Call	<u>283.30</u>

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Executive Department,
Portland, 11th April 1828

Samuel F. Hussey, Esq.
Agent of the Penobscot Indians,

Portland Sir;

The term of office of Mr. Call
one of the Agents of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, residing in their
immediate vicinity, having expired, and the person, appointed and
commissioned as his successor, having declined the trust, the duties
heretofore performed by him necessarily devolve upon you, as the sole
Agent of the Tribe; Under these circumstances you are hereby requested
to carry into effect all the legal and stipulated obligations of the
State, in relation to said tribe, as far as may be necessary, until
some person shall be appointed to fill the existing vacancy.

I am, Sir, & c

Enoch Lincoln

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Executive Department,
Portland 15th April 1828

Rev. B. Fenwick,

Bishop of Boston Dear Sir:

Boston

Knowing the interest you have taken in promoting the welfare of the Indian residing in this State and feeling individually much gratified by your liberal exertions in their behalf, I send you the enclosed copy of an Act, as evidence of the disposition of the Legislature to accomplish all the benevolent purposes you have recommended in relation to this subject.

Any suggestions you may be pleased to offer as to the execution of the said Act will be received with great respect, and I shall consider myself as under an obligation by your advice and opinion on any occasion.

I am, Sir, with respect & c.

Enoch Lincoln.

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Portland July 7 1828

Rev. Virgil H. Barker

Dear Sir

Mr. Hussey, the Indian Agent for the Penobscot Tribe, having requested me to reply to your inquiry whether your further continuance at Old Town may be necessary, I write to state that according to former usage the signature of the Governor & of that tribe to a certificate approving the plan of the meeting house as provided for in the 2nd section of the Act transmitted some time since will be desirable. I am not however aware of any objection to the plan and have endeavored to encourage the early progress of the work. There is nothing in this department which can require any further calls for your attention.

I am very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Enoch Lincoln.

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Executive Department

Portland 1828

Rev. Elijah Kellogg

Dear Sir;

If the Indians of Passamaquoddy Tribe will not use the advantages the State has intended to confer on them by the appropriation it has made for their benefit, it is evident that its patronage must be withdrawn. I do not wish at present to interfere, but I feel it due you to express my regret that you have found any embarrassment in the discharge of your duties; especially as I have had reason to believe that the gentlemen of the Catholic Faith associated with that tribe had no object really at variance with your own; while you confined yourself, as I have understood you always have, to that species of instruction which does not relate to Sectarism. It has been with pleasure that I have observed the interest taken by Bishop Fenwick and Mr. Barker in the welfare of the Indians with whom your office connect you, but it is certain that if one party or the other forgets the moderation and refuses the harmony which ought to be cherished, there must be a reaction. As to the arrangements and interests of the United States I have nothing to do with them: but I will promise to exert any influence I may be enabled to command to prevent for a time all public patronage of the Passamaquoddy Tribe if the greater evil of contention and rivalship cannot be obviated so as to prevent the failure of the desired object.

I feel authorized to say that any ill treatment of your self, as a Public Agent, must call forth the exertions of this Government for a withdrawal of that favor and friendship which have been extended to that Tribe, and at the same time I take leave to assure you that I

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Rev. Elijah Kellogg

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fell a deep interest in tis welfare and improvement.

I am, with the most respectful consid-
eration; Your Obt. ~~Servant~~

Enoch Lincoln

P. S. Please to write if this letter shall not prove adequate to the
purpose you have suggested.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland Feb. 20 1829

Joshua Chamberlain Esq.

Brewer

Sir;

By direction of the Governor I enclose to you a copy of an order of the Council, in relation to the agency of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, passed this day. The receipt of which I will thank you to acknowledge. Respectfully, your most obedient servant

Edward Russell, Sec. of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland Feb. 24 1829

Ichabod Bucknam, Esquire

Columbia

Sir:

I am directed by the Executive to inform you that you were, on the 18th day of October last, appointed by the Governor with advice of Council one of the Committee to examine the State road from Baring to Houlton plantation, near Baskahegan, contracted to be made by William Vance, Esquire, under the Resolve, Entitled "Resolve for making the State road from Baring to Houlton Plantation, near Baskahegan" passed the 24th of January 1828, and ascertain whether the same is made and completed in all respects agreeably to the terms and conditions of a certain contract entered into by the Governor and Council with said Vance, dated February 8th 1828, and the provisions of the Resolve aforesaid, and to certify the same to the Governor and Council for the time being when they shall have performed the service; and also as far ~~as~~ as practicable, without actual explorations, to ascertain the value of the land mentioned in said contract, and certify the same as aforesaid, the accounts for which service to be laid before the Legislature for allowance, Herewith you will also receive a copy of said Resolve, and likewise copies of the Contract and Bond of said Vance, with other papers deemed necessary for the use of the committee who are all notified of their appointments.

the other members of said Committee are Charles Peavey, of Eastport, John Balkam, of Robbinston, William Bell of Trescott, and Ebenezer O. Wilder, of Dennysville, all in the county of Washington, esquires, who will wait for notice from you of the time and place of meeting, to perform the services assigned by said appointment.

Respectfully your most obed, Servt

Edward Russell Sec. of State

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Portland Feb. 24 1829

to Charles Peavey, Eastport appointed Oct. 18 1828

John Balkam Robbinston " Jan. 6 1829

Ebenezer C. Wilder Dennysville " Jan. 29 1829

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Office of the Secretary of State

Portland March 17 1829

Peter Goulding Esquire

Agent for the Passamaquoddy

Tribe of Indians, Perry Sir;

Enclosed is a copy of a Resolve entitled "Resolve in favor of Ichabod R. Chadbourne, passed the 13th day of February last, and annexed is a copy of the Report of Committee of the Council, to whom was referred your account as Indian Agent, accepted the 4th instant. I understand the objections to the settlement of your account were, that sundry charges at the close of your bill, dated March 1828, amounting to \$ 53. are without explanation and without vouchers. There is no voucher for the charge of \$ 66.09 for a yoke of Oxen delivered to the Indians; and a receipt dated August 12th 1828 signed Solomon; for ninety six dollars, and seventeen cents, being voucher No. 9 is charged in the account six dollars and seventeen cents. And some account is desired as to the manner the large sums are expended which are charged in your account delivered to an individual of the Tribe.

The next Session of the Council will commence on the 17th day of June.

I am Sir, respectfully your, &c

Edward Russell, Secy of State.

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Office of Secretary of State

Portland June 8 1839

Anson G. Chandler

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, was received by the hand of William Vance Esq. this morning. After reading it I requested W. Vance to come into the office again in course of the forenoon and examine the papers, and I would immediately look them up, & stated to him that I did not recollect any such petition: he replied that he would come in again if he could, but that he should leave town at one o'clock and had many errands to do; but that such a petition was presented by himself. I collected the papers in relation to Tomai Loui's Bond, and a quarter before one went to the Stage office to find W. Vance but he was gone. I regret that I did not see him again because I think he is under a mistake as to a petition.

You state that there is pending before the Governor and Council a petition by John Barnard for a remission of all of a bond given by him and Tomae Loui, excepting so much as would be equal to a fair timber share for certain logs, and request me "to certify, that I have examined the records and papers of the Governor and Council and do find the petition of John Barnard of Calais" &c.

In answer I can inform you that W. Vance presented to the Governor and Council several papers in relation to Tomai Loui's Bond, but there is among them no petition. One of the papers, viz, the disposition of James Thompson is filed on the out side "J Barrard's petition". These papers have not been acted upon by the Council and I do not see what can be done with them, without a petition.

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June 8 1829

Anson G. Chandler

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Knowing that the same subject was before the Legislature last winter I have examined the files of the Senate to ascertain how it was disposed of and find that a Resolve referring the settlement of this bond to the Governor and Council was lost by the disagreement of the two Houses on the verry last day of the session March 6. It appears by the same papers that this subject has been before the three last Legislatures. And I presume that W. Vance supposes the same to be now referred to the Governor and Council by the Resolve above mentioned, which is not the fact.

Louiss petition presented in the House of Representatives by W. Vance in January 1827 is on the files of the Senate and had the Resolve passed, would have of course come before the Governor and Council, and in that event the papers presented by W. Vance would apply to the case.

Thinking it possible that Barnard might have sent a petition to the Governor ~~and~~ since the last session of the Council, I have enquired of him, but he has none. He recollects the W. Vance named the subject during the last sessi n and presented some papers in relation to the Indian~~s~~ Bond.

I will furnish you with any further information in my power whenever you may desireit.

Respectfully your most obedient Servant

Edward Russell, Secy of State

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Office of Secretary of State

Portland July 9 1829

Peter Goulding Esq.

Perry

Sir:

You~~r~~ was reappointed by the Governor and Council, Agent for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, on the first day of the present month, and your Commission is made out: but I have some doubts whether it should be delivered until your bond is presented and approved by the Governor and Council

The Council have adjourned to meet again on the 21st of October next.

Respectfully yours most obedient Servant

Edward Russell, Secy of State

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Office of Secretary of State

Portland, Oct. 23 1829

Peter Goulding, Esq.

Perry, Me.

Sir

Your letter of September 5th was duly received, and agreeably to you request I forwarded by mail immediately on the receipt of your letter, your commission as Agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians together with a blank bond to be executed and returned to this office before the 21st, day of the present month, on which day you was advised that the Governor and Council would meet, but the bond is not received. I am now directed by the Executive to request your immediate attention to ~~this~~ subject.

Your most obedient servant

Edwards Russell, Sec7 of State.

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Office of Secretary of State

Portland, Nov. 2 1829

Joshua Chamberlain Esq.

late Agent of the Penobscot Indians,

Brewer

Sir;

Enclosed is a copy of the report of a Committee of the Council accepted the 29th ultimo which is forwarded to you agreeably to the direction therein contained: the receipt whereof I will thank you to acknowledge by mail.

Respectfully your most obedient Servant

Edward Russell, Sec. of State.

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Office of Secretary of State

Portland Dec. 8 1829

Samuel Call, Esq. Bangor,

Sir;

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a Report of
a Committee of the Council accpeted the 7th instant, which is trans-
mitted to you agreeably to the order therein contained.

I am Sir respectfully your most obedient
Servant

Edward Russell, Secy of State.

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Office of Secretary of State

Portland, Dec 11, 1829

Ichabod Buckman, Esq. Columbia

Sir:

I received by mail yesterday the report of the Committee appointed by the Governor and Council to view the road which Wm. Vance Esq. contracted with the State to make in the County of Washington together with a plan of said road. The acting Governor & Council adjourned a short time before your package was received to meet again on the 30th of the present month. Those members of the Council who had not left town have examined the papers; and as it does not appear by the report that Wm. Vance was notified or present they are desirous to know the fact. Will you have the goodness to state whether notice was given to Wm Vance and what notice. That all the facts may be before the officiating Governor & Council at their next meeting.

I am Sir, respectfully your most obedient

Servant

Edward Russell, Secy of State.

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Office of Secretary of State

Portland Jany. 8 1830

Col. Joshua Chamberlain, Brewer

Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of the Report of
a committee of the Council upon your account as Indian Agent,
accepted the 6th instant, which is transmitted to you pursuant to
the direction therein contained.

Respectfully your obt. Servant

Edward Russell, Secy of State.

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Office of Secretary of State

Portland March 6 1830

Joshua Chamberlain

Esq. Brewer Sir,

Your letter of the 23rd ultime was received the first day of the present month and on the same day was laid before the Governor and Council. I now enclose to you a copy of the report of the Committee of the Council accepted the third instant, together with a copy of your account settled by the officiating Governor and the Council on the sixth of January last, agreeably to the direction in the report above mentioned.

I am Sir respectfully yours most obedient
Servant

Edward Russell, Secy of State.

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Of ice of Secretary of State

Portland March 26 1830

John G. Deane, Esq.

Ellsworth

Sir;

Enclosed is a copy of a Resolve passed
March 5th 1830 authorizing the Penobscot Indians to sell two townships
of land and pine timber; also your appointment as Agent under and by
virtue of the same, The receipt of which I will thank you to
acknowledge.

Respectfully your most obedient Servant

Edward Russell, Sec. of State

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Office of Secretary of State

Portland Oct. 27 1830

Ichabod Buckman Esq.

Columbia

Sir:

Enclosed are copies of a Resol~~ve~~ of the Legislature passed March 15th 1830, extending the time for completing the Baring road, a communication from William Vance, Esq. to the Governor, dated October 5th, 1830, and Report of a Committee of the Council accepted and approved yesterday, the receipt of which I will thank you to acknowledge by Mail.

Respectfully your obedient servant

Edward Russell, Secy of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland March 28, 1831

To Ira Fish Esq.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that on the 24th instant you with Messrs Zebulon Bradley of Bangor, and Jabez Bradbury of Hollis were by the Governor with the advice of the Council appointed a Committee to examine, survey, and measure, the Baring and Houlton road, ascertain what Mr. William Vance has done thereon what his labor is worth etc, agreeably to the provisions of a Resolve of the Legislature passed the 3d day of March 1831, with a copy of which you will hereafter be furnished.

I have the honor to be &c

Roscoe G. Greene Sec. of State

Letters of the same tenor and date were addressed to Zebulon Bradley and Jabez Bradbury Esquire.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland May 17, 1831

Zebulon Bradley, Esquire

Bangor Dear Sir;

Your letter of the 13th instant wishing to be furnished with the field notes and plan of the Baring and Houlton road, was received in due season. But I am sorry to inform you, that the field notes of that Road are not in this office. Nor can I learn that they ever have been returned here, if in fact any were ever made of it. It is possible the notes may be in the Land Office, but since Doct. Rose is absent, I cannot now ascertain whether they are or not. I shall write to Mr. Vance to day and enquire who made the survey of the route pursued by him in making said road; and will communicate to you any information I obtain from that quarter relative to the subject of your request.

A copy of the plan of said road, I herewith transmit, made upon very thin paper agreeably to your suggestion. I also enclose an extract from the report of a former committee appointed to examine said road; which shows the route pursued by them in the performance of their duty likewise a copy of a Resolve of the Legislature passed Jan. 24 1828

I have the honor to be, Sir, with respect
yr obt. Servt

Roscoe G. Greene Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State's Office

Portland May 17 1831

William Vance, Esq.

Calais Dear Sir;

Will you have the goodness to inform me by return of mail, by whom the route pursued by you in making the Baring and Houlton road, was made and whether you were ever furnished with a copy of the "field notes" of the same. I have been called upon for them, but they do not appear to be on file in this office. Any information relative to the subject will be thankfully received by

Your obedient servant

Roscoe G. Greene Secy of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Portland Oct. 25 1831

William Vance Esq.

Calais. Sir;

I am directed by a report of Council passed the 5th instant, to notify you that it is expedient that you will be in readiness to settle all claims and demands between you and the State," which have arisen in consequence of a contract made on the 8th day of February 1828- on the 28 day of December next (when the Governor and Council will be in Session at Augusta) As contemplated by a Resolve of the Legislature, passed the 3d day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

I am Sir, very respectfully your
obedient Servant,

R. G. Greene, Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Augusta Feb. 24 1832

To Mark Trafton, Esquire

Bangor Sir.

You have this day, by the Governor, with the advice of Council, been appointed Agent for the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, Upon executing the enclosed Bond with sufficient sureties, and its approval by the Governor and Council, your Commission will be forwarded to you.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

your obedient servant

P. W. Bradbury Deputy Secy of State

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Secretary of State's office

Augusta March 14 1832

John Webber Esquire,

Bangor Sir.

I am directed by the Governor to inform you, that you have been appointed, under a Resolve of the Legislature passed March 5th 1832" an Agent to complete the Baring and Houlton road" and to furnish you with a copy of the" Resolve fixing the compensation of Agents appointed, or who shall hereafter be appointed, on the Mattanawcook Road, Baring and Houlton Road, " &c which is herewith annexed.

Very respectfully

your obedient Servant

R. G. Greene, Secretary of State

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Secretary of State's office

Augusta April 13 1832

Mark Trafton Esq. Agent
for the Penobscot Tribe of Indians,

Bangor

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th inst. making inquires respecting your Agency, was duly received, and would have been answered earlier, had I not been, necessarily absent for a few days. Mr. Hussey has not been removed from office and whether or not, it is the intention of the Executive to continue him beyond the time appointed for their next Session, I am at present unable to say.

I beleive it has been thought that the Agent (being necessarily better acquainted with the situation of the affairs of the Indians than the Governor and Council) can, generally speaking, better judge what ought to be done, still should you wish their advice on any subject connected with your Agency, they will, without doubt, be ever ready to give it to you. Their next Session will commence on the 5th of June, next, when any communication you may wish to make, if forwarded to me, shall be laid before them. In the mean time should you wish to consult the Governor, letters will reach him if directed to this place.

I am, Sir, very respectfully & c

R. G. Greene, Secretary of State.

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Secretary of State's Office

Augusta, December 30 1832

Isreal Heald Esq.

~~Isreal Heald Esq.~~

Agent for the Baring and Houlton Road.

Sir; I am directed by an Order of Council to inform you, that it is desirable that you should present your account against the State for settlement at their present Session, that it may be ascertained previous to the meeting of the Legislature, in what manner the appropriation entrusted to you as Agent has been expended. If the business of your agency is not completed, or if it should not be in your power to attend personally, a written statement of your account, so far as it can be rendered, is requested,

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant

R. G. Greene, Secy of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Augusta, January 20, 1832

Jonas Farnsworth Esq.

Sir,

In compliance with the directions of an Order of Council, passed this day, I have notified Peter Goulding Esq, late Agent for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, that you have been, by the Governor, with the advice of Council, appointed Agent for said Tribe, and requested him to deliver to you all the property and documents belonging to the State, that may be in his possession

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

R. G. Green Secretary of State

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Secretary of State's office

Augusta, January 20, 1832

Peter Goulding Esq.

Sir;

I am directed by an Order of Council passed this day, to inform you that Jonas Fransworth, Esq. of Deanyville, has been, by the Governor, with the advice of the Council, appointed Agent for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians; and to request you to deliver to said Farnsworth all the property and documents belonging to the State, that may be in your possession

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Roscoe G. Green, Secy of State.

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Secretary of State's office

Augusta, June 19 1834

Jonas Farnsworth Esq.

Agent for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

Dennysville.

Sir;

By the direction
of the Executive, I herewith transmit a copy of a Report of Council
in relation to the funds in your hands arising from the sale of timber
and from trespasses & c committed upon the lands belonging to the
Passamaquoddy Indians,

Your obedient Servant.

R. G. Green Secretary of State.

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Secretary's office

Augusta May 1 1838

Sir:

On the 13th day of March last John Gleason Esq. of Perry was appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, Agent for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians in your stead. I am authorized to give you this notice, and to request you to deliver to him the Books, Papers and property in your possession appertaining to said office.

I am Sir,

Yours very respectfully

P.

Samuel Benson Secretary of State

To Jonas Farnsworth, Esq.

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Secretary's office

Augusta, June 22, 1840

Joseph Loring, Esq.

Agent of the Baring & Houlton Road.

Sir;

In reply to yours of the third instant I would say, that a Warrant was drawn in December last, for the amount of your account for expenditures under the appropriation of last year, which warrant was delivered to Sanford M. Hunt, and which will be paid, whenever presented by you, or your Order, to the the Treasury, and would have been paid before, if it had been presented.

The Appropriation for this year is but Three Hundred Dollars, for one half of which a Warrant has been drawn in your favor and will be paid as wanted, to you or your order drawn on the Treasurer as you may direct, either in money or check upon ^{any} Bank most convenient for you.

Yours Respectfully,

P. C. Johnson , Secretary of S.

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Secretary's Office

Augusta, July 7 1840

Rev. Thomas O'Sullivan,
Roman Catholic Priest residing at Old Town.

Sir;

Your note addressed to the Executive Council, under date of the 2d instant, in relation to your services in instructing the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, was received by due course of mail, but subsequent to their adjournment. I herewith enclose you a copy of the Order of Council alluded to and will lay your letter before the Board at their next session, which will be in September next.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. serv't

P. G. Johnson, Secy of State

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Secretary of State's office

Augusta ~~Feb/ 24~~ 1841
March 4 1841

Dear Sir;

I have this day forwarded to John Gleason, Agent of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, a certified copy of an order, passed in Council, requiring you to deliver to him all the books and papers in your possession belonging to said Agency. The necessity for the passage of this order arose from the alleged refusal, on your part, to deliver said Books and Papers to Mr. Gleason at his request.

It is expected that you will retain such vouchers and other papers as are necessary in the settlements of your accounts until that is effected.

I am Sir.

Yours very Respectfully

Sam^l P. Benson, Secretary of St

To Jacob Kimball Esq.

Calais

Secretary of State's office

Augusta March 4, 1841

Dear Sir;

In reply to yours of the tenth ult. postmarked the 26th, I herewith transmit a certified copy of an order, passed in Council this day. I have notified Mr. Kimball of the passage of this order, and cannot doubt that he will, forthwith deliver to you all the books and Papers in his possession belonging to your agency, except such as are necessary in the settlement of his account with the Executive. If you have not already, it is expected that you will at once ^{enter} upon the duties of your agency.

Yours Very Respectfully

Samuel P. Benson, Secretary of State

John Gleason Esq. East Perry

Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

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Secretary of State's office

Augusta March 5. 1841

Dear Sir;

I herewith transmit to you a copy of a report in Council respecting the title to No. 73, an Island in the Penobscot River. You will see that the whole subject is referred to you, that the facts may be fully ascertained and reported to the Executive, so that justice may be done to the parties interested.

Yours Respectfully,

Samuel P. Benson,

Secretary of State,

Rufus Davenport, Agent for the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

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Secretary of State's office

Augusta, June 25 1841

Sir;

You will herewith receive the evidence of your appointment under a Resolve providing for the repair of the Baring and Houlton road", approved April 16, 1841, together with a certified copy of said Resolve and of an order passed in Council on the 23 instant relating to a Bond to be filed by you. Arrangements have been made by which you will receive, of the Treasurer of State, funds for the purpose of your agency upon your compliance with said order.

Yours respectfully,

Sam. P. Benson, Secretary of State

Dan Pêneo, Esquire.

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Secretary's Office

Augusta, December 13 1841

Sir; the Governor and Council are desirous of having the business, appertaining to their department, properly closed during the current political year.

All appropriations expire on the last day of December, and the Treasurer makes his report of the finances of the State as they exist at that time.

It is important that all accounts with the State should be adjusted before that time; and I am directed by the Executive to request you to settle your accounts either personally or by forwarding proper vouchers for your expenditures, at the next meeting of the Council, which will be held on the 23 day of this month.

Yours very respectfully,

Sam. P. Benson, Sec'y of State.

to Dan Pineo, Esquire

Agent to superintend the repair of the Baring & Houlton Road
Topsfield, Washington Co.

to Rufus Davenport, Esquire,

Agent for Penobscot Tribe of Indians,

Milford, Penobscot Co.

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Secretary's Office

Augusta, June 30, 1842

Sir;

By recurring to the 4th. Section of the 15th Chap. of the Revised Statutes, you will perceive that the Agent of the different tribes of Indians are required to give Bond to the satisfaction of the Governor & Council, for the faithful discharge of his duties &c. I am requested by the Governor & Council to say, it is expected in all cases where a bond is required of an Agent, as security for the faithful discharge of his trusts, it will be forwarded for their acceptance and approval, prior to his entering upon the discharge of his duties, and to inform you that no bond has been laid before them from you, as Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians, and to request your immediate attention to the subject.

Very respectfully Yo.

P. M. Johnson

Sec'y of State.

Sylvanus Leland, Esq.

Agt. Pass. Indians.

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Secretary's Office

Augusta April 15 1845

Sir:

By direction of the Governor & Council I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of an order of Council, in relation to the purchase of the Indian Lands,

and to be Sirs;

Your Obt. Serv't,

Philip O. Johnson

Sec'y of State.

To

Messrs. Amos M. Roberts & Thomas Bartlett

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Secretary's office

Augusta June 1, 1849

To the Speaker of the house of Representatives

In compliance with their order of the 28th ult I herewith lay before the House of Representative the several accounts rendered by Sylvanus Leland as Agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, from A. D. 1842 to the present time.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Svt

C B. French

Secy of State

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Hallowell July 30 1851

Dear Sir;

I am much gratified with your prompt attention to my request, communicated to you by letter delivered to you by Attean Orsa

Indeed your management of the trust reposed in you as Agent for the Penobscot tribe of Indians meets, in all respects, my unqualified approbation and entitles you to the confidence and thanks of the public. I am sorry to learn that any of the troubles and disturbances, which were complained of prior to the Treaty of 1850 with the Indians, are still in existence; but I trust your prudence and energy in enforcing the law will yet entirely overcome them.

You will please say to the Gov.r John Attean and the Lieutenant Gov. John Neptune that peace must be enforced, that they **must** treat their political opponents of the new party with kindness and forbearance, as whigs and democrats amongst the white treat each other. That the majority must rule with them as it does with us; but that it must rule with kindness and brotherly love and not by violence. So long as they are peaceable amongst themselves, they will be permitted to control their own social and civil affairs, and to live as we do, under a republican form of government, managed by themselves, and controlled by their own majority; But \neq you will say to them, at the same time that they are answerable to our criminal laws, and that every crime committed, every breach of the peace will and must be tried and punished severely by our laws.

I deem it also a matter of great interest to the Indians, that as little of the money, and other means, which they receive from the State, as possible should be spent in entertainments and festivities.

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Letter of John Hubbard to Isaac Staples

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The wish of the State is that their means should be so used as to promote education and knowledge of agriculture amongst the Indians. to raise them up to a level and equality with the whites. This cannot be done with the small means at our disposal for them unless it be all spent for such purposes. And if the state sees that they are willing to waste their means in useless festivities; it will not be willing to give them more.

Say to John Attean and John Neptune that such is my opinion and wish.

They are the Governors of the tribe and we must hold them responsible for good order and peaceful conduct.

Will you be so good as to give me at your convenience, a census of the Penobscot tribe. The number of Males and the number of Females. The number of each under five years of age, the number between five and ten. between ten and fifteen between fifteen and twenty between twenty and thirty between thirty and forty and so on for each ten years.

I am with high respect

Yours

John Hubbard

Isaac Staples Esq.

Oldtown.

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Letter of I. G. Sawyer Secy of
State to Peter Avery, Esq.

Secretary's Office

Augusta Aug. 23 1851

Sir;

I am directed by His Excellency Governor Hubbard to request you to report the condition of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians generally their mode of procuring a living, agricultural labor and products. Manner in which their money has been applied. doings of the agent generally. Average number of males between the ages of five and ten years, number of each male and female between the ages of ten and fifteen, fifteen & twenty, twenty & thirty, thirty & forty, forty & fifty and fifty & sixty years on.

The annual report required by law, has not been received and it must be attended to forthwith.

Very respectfully

Yr. Obt Svt.

I. G. Sawyer

Secy of State

Peter Avery, Esq.

Agt. Passamaquoddy Indians

Calais

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Letter of John Hubbard to Passam-
quoddy Tribe of Indians.

Council Chamber

January 1852

To our Brethern the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

Brethren,

We learn that there are quarrels amongst you; No not quarrels but parties and differences of opinion.

We are sorry, for we are your brethren and friends and your protectors, and we wish to see you live in peace and harmony.

Your good now requires that you should live in harmony. and the future good and preservation of your tribe, from being entirely extinguished, demand it.

We wish to preserve your tribe and to make it numerous and happy.

We are glad that your quarrels have not made you fight, because that would certainly bring ruin upon your tribe, and we hope and believe, because you have not permitted these quarrels to come to blows, that your good sense will lead you to see the foolishness of these quarrels, and will lead you to live in peace as brethren, and to settle your difficulties.

We are told that you do not now live together in one family, that the larger part of your tribe live together on your township, that the smaller portion live below, and that your chief or Governor, lives with the smaller portion.

Yours fathers have had one chief, that chief has been your father and protector. He has given you good counsel in peace, and

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and has led you and fought with you in war. You~~r~~ have no wars now and you will not have ~~my~~ in time to come; you need then no chief to lead you and fight with you. The chief is now a name, a title of honor. He has no privileges more than you have, He gets no more money than you do, and he gets no pay for being your chief. He lives no better and he fares no better than all of you do, It is the honor only of being chief. What is honor, but an empty name, and a shadow which every man of you may chase after, but can never catch, unless he is a good man, is good to his family, to his wife and children, to his neighbor, and does good to his tribe.

If you would have hon~~or~~ and be honored now, you must think no more of war, because the~~re~~ is to be no more war for you. You must think of peace and cultivate the arts of peace and friendship. Your game is gone, The white man has chased it away and destroyed it. Our Great Father still preserves the fish for you, and the lands are yours sufficient to get your living from. It is his will that you cultivate this and supply yourselves with plenty, that you may live in peace and good will.

You are not all contented with your chief. Some of you want to ~~cho~~ choose a new one. Your Fathers had but one chief and they were contented and happy. They chose their chief and he was the chief as long as he lived.

We choose our chief every year. But that does not make us contented and happy. There are many men amongst us that want to be chief, and that gets up hard feelings and sometimes quarrels. Will not you

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quarrel more if your chief is to be changed, and a new one elected every little while? I would advise you to keep to the usage of your Fathers at present, and let your present chief be your chief as long as he lives. Then will the spirits of your Fathers look down upon you and be glad.

When your chief, that is now, dies, then if you think best, you can elect a new chief for a shorer time. Then you can change the custom of your Fathers, as you have a right to do, and their spirits will not frown upon you.

Your condition has changed and now you have to look up to us as your protectors and defenders. You need to have a representative to come to our Legislature every year and to make known your wants, You should have but one representative. That is all you want. One can make known your wants, better than two, and the money that must be paid to more than one, will be divided amongst you to relieve the wants of all.

That one representative should be elected by a majority, that is by the largest number of your people.

This is the advice I give you in behalf of the State. It comes from your white brethren, who wish to see you happy and prosperous.

We are told that some of you wish to call upon your red brethren, of the tribe of St. Francis in Canada to settle your difficulties. We think you had better not. They are no better than you are. They have difficulties amongst themselves, and they do not live in peace

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amongst themselves any more than you do.

They are controlled by the British government, and their interests are different from yours and from ours. They now come into our state and kill your moose because their British Fathers will not let them kill their own moose, and their moose are almost all gone.

If you ask their advice and assistance, will they not ask you to give them some pay for it, and when your game is all gone will they not expect something else?

They are but men, They cannot heal your difficulties. You^r are men and can settle your own affairs.

Live in peace and freⁱndship with your bre^thers of the Penobscot Tribe, but do not let them control you. They are only men like yourselves. They have had troubles like yours. Their troubles are now healed and they live in peace amongst themselves. You are men like them, and can heal your own troubles as they have healed theirs. Do not let them^r govern you. We will not let them govern you. They must not meddle with your affairs.

We advise you to listen to your Priest. He is a good man, and will advise you for your good.

Listen to your agent; he knows your trouble^s and your wants.

Listen to Mr. Smith, who will carry this letter to you. He will advise you what is best.

John Hubbard

Gove. of Maine.

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Secretary's Office

Augusta Oct. 12 1854

Sir;

I am directed by the Governor of this state to acknowledge the receipt of the 4th volume of the work entitled "Information respecting the History Condition and Prospect of the Indian Tribes of the United States, collected and prepared under the direction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs" transmitted for the use of the State of Maine,

Respectfully

Your Obt. Serv't

A. Jackson

Secretary of State.

Hon Charles E. Mix

Act'g Commissioner Indian Affairs

Washington D. C.

(Schubcraft)

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Secretary's office augusta

January 13 1856

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Gentlemen

I have the honor herewith to lay before you
a return of the Superintending School committee of the town
of Oldtown agreeably to a resolve of the Legislature providing
for the promotion of education of the Penobscot Indians ap roved
February 12, 1855

Very respy

Alden Jackson

Sec y of State.

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Secretary's office Augusta

January 17 1856

To Theodore H. Dillingham Esq.

I am directed by an order of Council to notify you, that Nathaniel H. Hunt Esq. of Oldtown has been by the Governor, with the advice and consent of Council, duly appointed Indian Agent in your stead, and has been commissioned accordingly.

I am sir

Very respectfully yours

Caleb R. Ayer Secy of State.

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Secretary's office

Augusta Feb. 1 1856

To Seth W. Smith Esq.

I am directed by an Order of Council to notify you, that Charles S. Davis Esq. of Perry has been by the Governor, with the advice and consent of Council, duly appointed Agent for the Passamaquoddy Indians, in your stead, and has been commissioned accordingly

I am Sir

Very respectfully yours,

Caleb R. Ayer

SecY of State

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Secretary's office

Augusta Mar. 31 1856

Dear Sir;

I herewith transmit copy of Report of Council upon the account of the county of Penobscot for the commitment and board of John Mitchell, an Indian of the Penobscot Tribe, non compos mentis.

Very respectfully

Yours &c

Caleb R. Ayer

Secretary of State

Flint
A. O. ~~Hwy~~ Esq.

Treasurer of Penobscot Co

Bangor Maine.

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Secretary's office

Augusta JanY 9 1857

To the Pre/sident of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

I have the honor herewith to lay before the Legislature, a return of the Superintending School Committee of the town of Oldtown agreeably to the provisions of a Resolve, entitled "Resolve to promote the education of the Penobsoct Indians" approved March 4 th 1856

Very respectfully

Your Obt Ser't

C. R. Ayer Secretary of State

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Office of Secretary of State

Augusta Jan. 9 1857

To the President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

I have the honor herewith to lay before the Legislature, a return of the Superintending School Committee of the town of Oldtown, agreeably to the provisions of a Resolve, entitled " Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians" approved March 4th 1856

Very respectfully

Your Obt. ser't

C. R. Ayer secretary of State.

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Secretary's Office

Augusta, January 29 1857

To Nathaniel H. Hunt, Esquire,

I am directed by an Order of Council to notify you that Winslow Staples Esquire of Oldtown has been by the Governnor with the advise and consent of Council duly appointed agent for the Penobscot Indians in your stead, and has been commissioned accordingly

I am, Sir.

Very respectfully yours,

Alden Jackson

Secretary Of State.

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State of Maine.

Secretary's office,

Augusta, January 31, 1857

To Charles L Davis Esquire

I am directed by an Order of Council to notify you, that Seth W. Smith Esquire of Calais, has been by the Governor, with the advice and consent of Council, duly appointed Agent for the Passamaquoddy Indians in your stead, and has been commissioned accordingly.

I am, Sir.

Very respectfully yours,

Lewis Du Moore

Dept. Secretary of State

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Office of Secretary of State

Augusta, January 12 1858

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

I have the honor herewith to lay before the
Legislative a return of the Superintending School Committee of
the town of Oldtown, agreeable to the provisions of a Resolve
entitled a "Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot
Indians," Approved March 4, 1856

Very respectfully

Your obdt Servant

Secretary of State.

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Office of Secretary of State

Augusta, January 18 1859

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of
Representatives

I have the honor herewith to lay before the Legislature a Return of the ~~Supervisor~~ Supervisor of Schools of the town of Oldtown and Superintending School Committee of the town of Lincoln agreeable to the provisions of a "Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians" approved March 24 1858

Very Respectfully

Your Ob Servant

Secretary of State.

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Office of Secretary of State

Augusta, January 18, 1859

To the President of the Senate and

Speaker of the House of Representatives

I have the honor herewith to lay before the Legislature a return of the Supervisor of Schools of the town of Oldtown, and Superintending School committee of the town of Lincoln, agreeable to the provisions of a " Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians" approved March 26, 1858

Very Respectfully,

Your Obt Servant

Noah Smith, Jr.

Secretary of State

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To the President of the Senate and
Speaker of the House of Representatives,

I have the honor herewith to lay before the Legislature the return of the Superintending School Committee of the town of Oldtown agreeable to the provisions of a "Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians" approved March 22, 1859.

Very respectfully,

Your Obt Servant,

Lewis D. Moore

Dep Secy of State

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Office of Secretary of State

Augusta, January 1860

To the President of the Senate
and Speaker of the House of Representatives

I have the honor herewith to lay before the Legislature a return of the Supervisor of Schools of the town of Lincoln agreeable to the provisions of a " Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians" approved March 24, 1858.

Very respectfully,

Your Obt Serv.

Secy of State

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Office of Secretary of State

Augusta, January 7, 1861

To the President of the Senate

I have the honor herewith to lay before the Senate the Annual Reports of the State Reform School, Insane Hospital, State Prison, Adjutant General, Attorney General, Land Agent, Railroad Commissioners, and Indian Agent of the Penobscot Indians for the year eighteen hundred and sixty

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servant

Lewis D. Moore

Dep. Sec of State

Letter of the date etc., was sent to the House of Representatives.

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Office of Secretary of State

Augusta, January 17, 1861

To the President of the Senate and
Speaker of the House of Representatives

I have the honor herewith to lay before the
Legislature the reports of the Superintending School Committee
of the towns of Lincoln, Oldtown, Perry, and Princeton
agreeable to the provisions of a " Resolve in favor of the
Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians for educational
purposes." Approved March 17, 1860

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Joseph B. Hall

Secy of State

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Secretarys Office

Augusta Jany 24, 1865

To the President of the Senate
and Speaker of the House of Representatives

In conformity with the provisions of a Resolve of the
Forty third Legislature entitled " Resolve in favor of the
Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for educational purposes."
Approved March 23, 1864, I have the honor herewith to lay
before the Legislature the reports of the Superintending
School Committees of the towns of Princeton and Perry exhibiting
their doings under said Resolve.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Ephraim Flint, Jr.

Secty of State

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Office of Secretary of State

Augusta Jany 4, 1867

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives

I have the honor to herewith lay before the House, the Annual Reports of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Insane Hospital, Agent of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, Bank Commissioners, and directors and officers of the American Asylum for the year 1866.

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt.

Ephraim Flint

Secty of State

A letter of the same tenor and date was forwarded to the President of the Senate.

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Office of Secretary of State

Augusta Jan 22 1868

Sir

In compliance with an order of Council of Dec 30th 1867, I have the honor herewith to lay before the Senate, the annual reports of the Agents of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, for the year 1867

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Franklin M. Drew

Secretary of State

Duplicate also sent to Speaker of House of Representatives.