

14 May 10, 1776

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

The Memorial of Jacob Brown humbly sheweth,

That in the year 1775 your Memorialist for the valuable Consideration of nearly two thousand pounds purchased of the Cherokee Indians a large tract of Land adjoining the Waters of Nolichucky; part of which he at different periods sold out to persons desirous of becoming Associates and settling there, with a view of reimbursing himself by such Sales for the Money he had actually expended in effecting this purchase; but to his great loss and disappointment on the Application passing an act granting a Right of preemption to the first Improvers of Lands in that Country, those persons who had before purchased of your Memorialist not only actually refused to pay him the consideration Money

but entered the Land by them formerly purchased
of your Memorialist, in the Land Office of the
State.

These together with many other unhappy Circumstances
oblige your Memorialist to make application to
your Honourable Body, and to request you will
be pleased to submit the Consideration of this Matter
to a Committee, when he does not doubt to be able
to represent his Case through them to the Assembly,
in full spirit of ours, as to induce the Legislature
to take some Care for his Relief in the premises.

And your Petitioner shall pray

Jacob Brown

Wills Pt May 6. 1784.

Jack Brown, pet
In Honor to may read
and referred to Mr Person
Mr Hawkins Mr Carter
Mr Davis, Mr B Hawkins
Mr Agnew Mr Lock
Mr M. Powell

By order of the
Hon. J. H. C. H.

In Senate 11 May 1784
Read and referred to
Lord Rutherford Mr Bruce
& Mr Martin

By order,
John Agnew Clk

Rutherford Bruce Martin

H. C. June 1, 1784

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition
of Jacob Brown.

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Report as follows.

That it is the Opinion of you Committee, that the Relief prayed
for in the Memorial of Jacob Brown is irremediable by the General
Assembly, and therefore ought not to be granted.
All which is Submitted.

[Handwritten signature]
Thomas Person

13 May 1784

In the House of Commons, June 1784

Read & carried with

By order of the House

The Members J C

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North Carolina

Senate 2 June 1786

Read and approved with amendments

By order

James O. Hargett

Thomas M. Blount

Approved by the Senate

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Report of the
Committee

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