

MEMORIAL

OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF

THE STATE OF INDIANA,

Praying that the lands sold by the United States, since the year 1816, lying within that state, may be subjected to taxation by the authority thereof.

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To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the state of Indiana, show to your Honorable Body, That, anticipating the rapid population of that part of the state which has lately been acquired from the Indians, and in which the site for the future seat of government has been located, and believing that the reasons no longer exist, which influenced your honorable body in restricting the General Assembly of this state from taxing, either for state, county, township, or any other purpose whatever, each and every tract of land sold by the United States (lying within this state) since the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixteen, inasmuch as cash payments have been required by the United States for all lands sold since the first day of July last: We therefore pray your honorable body, for permission to tax all lands sold by the United States, on and subsequent to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and twenty, and all lands whereon the payments to the United States have been completed, in the same manner that lands sold previous to the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixteen, are, or may be taxed. We also represent to your honorable body, as a reason for our present application, that the revenue of this state from lands, is small in proportion to the number of landholders, and some counties, large and populous, constituted and organized since December, 1816, pay little or nothing into the state Treasury, owing to the exemption of the lands in those counties from taxation, by the restriction imposed on this state by Congress, on its admission into the Union. And we are of opinion, that the people of this state are very desirous of having the exemption above alluded to abolished.

WILLIAM GRAHAM,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RATLEFF BOON,

President of the Senate.

Passed the Senate, December 15, 1820.

JAMES MORRISON,

Secretary of Senate.

