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March 13.

The following petition of DANIEL SHAYS and ELI PARSONSQues, on Monday last, road and committed in the boule of representatives.

To the honourable the lenate, and house of representatives, of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, in general court affembled:---

May it please your Honours,

WXXXXOUR petitioners, penetrated by the melancholy sense of their late errors. and anxious once more to return to the bosom of their country, and enjoy again XXXX the bleffings of peace, under the mild care the mercy of the legislature in their favour.

on of their past conduct.

Your pet tioners do not mean to multiply afforances, but they beg leave boldly to refer to their future behaviour, as the best evidence of their sincerity; and they finmly trust, that no person will hereafter exceed them, in the practice of tuch vistues, as: ere characteristic of the best civizens.

They have indeed been deladed, but they beg the conourable court to believe, that their hearts are stiff warmed with every fentiment of respect, reverence and attachment, to the rights and liberties of the people, and to the laws and constitution of the go-

ully sensible, as they now are, schough they may to you in writing. bey freely acknowledge, they have long felt the ef- therefore, open your ears and hear our words.

proached with this enormity.

carcely an inconvenience or missortune, to which they were only sent to buy our lands. ment, by their pardon.

confpicuous, from the clemency of this honourable make to us for land.

DANIEL SHAYS. ELI PARSONS.

NEW-HAVBN, February 7.

description of a horn or bone lately found in the Point.

small end. In the large end is a cavity two and an, to take our lands by lease, and give us a generous Richland creek."

half inches diameter, much like the hollow which rent. We were loath to affront you again with the to have been folid. The exterior part, where entire, or not perished, is smooth; and in one spot of a dark colour. The interior parts are of a clear white, and have the resemblance of well burnt, unslacked limestone; but these can be seen only where it is perished, tender and broken. From one end to the other, it appears to have been nearly round; and on it there have been no prongs or branches. It is incurvated nearly into an arch of a large circle. By happy opposition to government, may be allowed to animal this is the horn or bone, and what is become operate, they certainly have this to plead in expiati- of this animal, are questions worthy of the curious and learned.

> This curiosity is in the possession of the honourable Timothy Edwards, Esq; of Stockbridge.

> > NE.W.-Y.O.R.K. March 18.

The following talk from the Oneida nation of Indians, was lately received by the legislature of this state:-

Brothers, chiefs, and great men, who fit wound the council fire of our brethten, the people of the state of New-York, attend.

Brothers, We have come thus far on our way to ice you at your council are, but the roads are Your petitioners, may it please your honours, do already become very bad, and the prospect of their not prefume to offer any thing in their jultification, foon being worse induce us to return, and to speak

wish to extenuate) that no arguments can be adduced. Brothers, We are your allies, we are a free people. o excuse their conduct; they see, they feel, and our chiefs have directed us to speak to you, as such,

ects of their own temerity. They have unfortunate- Brothers, In your late wars with the people on adopted a mode of procedure, which they are fu!- the other fide of the great water, and at a period y sensible, cannot be justified; they will never cease when thick darkness overspread this country, your remember with regret, their not having truffed brothers the Oneidee flepped forth, and, uninvited, or relief to the wisdom and integrity of the ruling took up the hatchet in your defence—we fought by your fide, our blood flowed together, and the bones But when they thus freely acknowledge their er- of our warriors mingled with yours-you appeared ors, they pray the honourable legislature to believe, grateful for our attachment, and gave us repeated that these have proceeded from a misapprehension of assurances, that should the Great Spirit give you acts;—from a failure of judgment, and from a too success, we should be made to rejoice. The event recipitate resentment; but by no means, from an of the war was favourable—we returned to our counbandoned principle.—They have been obliged to try, where ruin and desolation had overspread our cek an assylum, far from their triends and connexi- fields and villages-we rejoiced, however, that we ons, in a state of exile from their country. - Yet could return in peace, and pleased ourselves with whatever may have been suggested to the contrary, the hopes of the peaceable and quiet enjoyment of they have never combined with the concealed ene- our country, for which we had fought and bled in mies of America, if fuch there be, to fubvert its li the common cause together with you. While we berry, and to destroy its independence.--No! May were thus flattering ourselves with the agreeable please your honours, however criminal they may prospects, we received an invitation to meet some have been in other respects, they cannot be justly re- of your chiefs who were sent to speak with us at fort Herkermer-we were glad, and immediately If it be thought necessary, that an example of set out to meet them, expecting they were come to their sufferings should be continued, to prevent simi- relieve our wants, and to make good the repeated lar disorders to those they have so rashly occasioned, assurances we had received, that on our return to In this commonwealth; your petitioners would our country, we should be made to rejoice—those hope, that this end is already attained, as they com- chiefs who then met us, will doubtlefs remember teive, in the estimate of their distresses, there is how much we were disappointed, when they told us

they have not already been exposed: But if these cir- Brothers, It is needless for us to recapitulate the combances do not plead in their favour, they pray speeches that were made on that occasion: -- You the honourable court would remember, that they cannot forget them, you have probably wrote them have friends, wives and children, who are innocent, in a book; your chiefe may well remember how retook to evade it, which was by making a propofal Your petitioners, may it please your honours, in to them to lease a certain part of our country. The thus asking to be restored to the rights and liberties contempt with which they received our offer, is they have loft, and to the peace and protection of doubtless fill fresh in their memory: it is in ours. the commonwealth, are not influenced by the fear of In compliance, however, with their urgent solicitafurther punishment; but in their reinstatement in tions, we at length consented to sell them a part of the possession of such invaluable blessings, they wish our lands, in consequence of the solemn and repeatto have an opportunity of proving to the world, the ed assurances your chief sachem then made; that incerity of their reformation, and of adding another this should be the last application, that our brothers happy instance to those, which have been already so the legislature of the state of New-York would ever

Brothers, We are determined then never to sell any more; the experience of all the Indian nations United States and these colonies." to the east and fouth of us, has fully convinced us, that if we follow their example, we shall soon share their fate. We wish that our children and grandthe Susquehanna, about twelve miles from Tyoga foresathers. We therefore determined to lease red savages is not known.

is filled with the pith of the horn of an ox. This is offer of our lands on such terms, and have therefore only fix inches deep-every other part is, or appears agreed to the proposals of our friends. Brothers, Since we have been on the road, a lying bird has passed by us and reached your council-fire, and told you that we have not leased our lands; we fay, Brothers, the suggestion is false, and we hope you will treat it as fuch.

Brothers, We are surprised to hear you are difpleased, because others have accepted that, which your chiefs have told us was beneath your nation : But, Brothers, we are more surprised still, to learn the present state of both the ends, much of it must you claim a right to control us in the disposal of our have perished; probably two or three feet from each lands; you acknowledge it to be our own as much operation of the laws—humbly beg leave to suppli- end. From a general view of it, there is reason to as the game we take in hunting; why then do you believe, that in its natural state it was nearly a se- say that we shall not dispose of it, as we think best? If the most unfeigned penitence, consirmed by an micircle of ten or twelve feet. The undecayed You may, Brothers, with as much propriety, when experience of the mistortunes to which they have parts, particularly the outlide, in burning, fend one of our hunters comes to your market with been personally exposed, in the course of their un- forth a stench like a burning horn or bone. Of what pack of beaver, point out the person to whom he shall sell, and to no other.

Brothers, We wish you to confider this matter well, and to do us justice. We have now leased our whole country, excepting what we referved for our own use, to people, who we doubt not, will pay us according to agreement; and if there be any thing that you can do, to encourage them in their settlement of it, we wish it may be done.

Brothers. This is all we have to fay. To the great men of the state of New York

> JACOB REED, Secretary. PRIER & SALEKARENGHIE,

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HENDRICK X SAHONWATE,

mark. Witness.

Peter B. Ten Broeck, George Stin. jon, jun.

P rio ally appeared before me, the above named subscribers, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their voluntary act and deed.

Acknowledged before me, this 12th day of March, 1788.

HENRY, J. V. RENSSELLAER, one of the Judges of the interior court of the county of Columbia.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.

Extract of a letter from Georgia, received by the brig Phabe, captain M'Cuilough, arrived on Saturday laft. 6 days from Savanna.

"General Clarke lately fell in with a confiderable body of Indians, who were defeated after a short

" A body of 300 of them attacked a fort on the Occonees, and were repulsed with considerable loss. "They are well armed and have lately received a great supply of military estendals from Pensacola." Extract of a letter from St. Croix, February 9, 1788.

On the 34th of December last, his excellency major-general de Schimelmann refigned, by his majelty's permission, the command in chief of these islands. His excellency is succeeded by the honourable Frederick de Walterstoeff, chamberlain to his majesty, and vice governor general. His commission as governor general is daily expected. This is the same gentleman who it was once imagined would but who, with your petitioners, will be even bound luftantly we entered on a treaty for the fale of our have been fent as envoy extraordinary to America. by new ties of graticude and affection to the govern- lands; they may also remember the method we then had congress appointed any minister to the Danish court. Although it is supposed that our new commander in chief will keep a watchful eye over all kind of imaggling, particularly that of fugars carried to foreign markets, contrary to the ordinances of this country, yet there is no doubt but commerce will at the same time meet with every encouragement under his government, and the fair trader with every protection. The intimacy which fubfilts between his excellency and some of the first characters on the continent cannot but be favourable to the American trade, and render still more lasting the friendly intercourse which is already established between the

SAVANN'A. (Georgia) February 21.

A young man we are informed was killed and children may derive a comfortable living from the scalped on Wednesday the 13th inft. near Belcher's

them: our friends in different parts of the country Feb. 28. The Augusta paper of the 16th inft. says, It is fix feet nine inches long, twenty-one inches hearing of our determination, and being willing "We hear from Greene county, that ca Saturday found at the large end, and afteen inches an the that we should still continue a nation, have offered the ad instant the Indiane killed captain Autry, near