

tive, yet any political combination in that section might entirely exclude this, so that they have, in fact, no right to elect a member to that body, as it is a right which they cannot enforce.

They have also, heretofore, found it extremely difficult to forward their votes from this District for Delegate to Detroit, in time to be canvassed with those of the residue of the Territory.

For these reasons your pets. do not believe they enjoy, within the intention or means of Congress, the benefits of the representative part of a Territorial Govt.

They would farther respectfully shew, that the Gov. of the Territory appoints, by the Ordinance of 1787, all civil officers for Counties and Towns. A most serious evil results from the great distance at which they are placed from the appointing and removing power. The most important offices remain vacant for months before new appointments can be made, and if an officer is guilty of official misconduct it neither accords with the convenience or pecuniary interests of an accuser, to be compelled to visit Detroit to impeach him. Your pets. believe the responsibility of officers is too far removed to ensure the faithful discharge of their duties.

The situation of this District is essentially different from that of the residue of the Territory, and requires altogether a different system of Laws. It is considered the people of this Country ought, under no circumstances to be compelled to go to Detroit for justice; yet the Supreme Court of the Territory has *exclusive* jurisdiction over all cases arising in this District under the Revenue Laws of the United States, of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, and, generally, of all cases in which the United States are plaintiffs. It has also *concurrent* jurisdiction with the circuit court, over all offenses committed within the Indian country. It is also a court of Error in all civil causes, and a court of Appeals in all suits in Chancery. These several jurisdictions vitally affect the interests of your pets., and they believe the insufficiency, and, in fact, injustice, of the present judiciary system is so apparent, that they