

deem it sufficient to advert to it without comment. They presume it would be contrary to the first principles of jurisprudence and of government, to establish two independent judicial tribunals with equal powers, but acting under different laws, in the same state or Territory.

Your pets. inhabit a district of country which has at all times been considered of the greatest importance, politically, to the Government. In the event of a war, either with the Savages of the country or foreign nations, your pets. believe it highly essential to the safety of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, that this section of the country should be settled. Nothing could add so much to the safety and protection of your pets., as an increase of the present settlements. Against powerful enemies it is incontestible that your pets. are altogether unable to defend themselves. They consider the honor and faith of the United States are pledged to protect the lives and property of such as resided in this country in the year 1796, by the third Art. of Mr. Jays Treaty; and it is respectfully suggested, whether the pecuniary interests of the Nation will not be better served, and the terms of that Article more faithfully performed, by an increase of the settlements, than by the continuance of the military posts. While the latter are an expense to the nation, the former would add much to its revenues.

There are residing within this District of Country some of the most numerous and warlike nations of Indians within the limits of the United States. There may now be found inhabiting it the Chippewau, the Dahcoatah or Sioux, the Weanbaygo, and Munnominnee nations, besides several families of Ottawau's and Pootowotomie's; and from the unsettled state of some of these Nations, it is supposed the attention and presence of a Superintendent of Indian affairs would be of great service to the Indians, and of utility to the government.

Your Pets. would not be tedious, or they could advert to many other urgent reasons upon this subject; they rely, with the utmost confidence, upon the wisdom, liberality and justice of Congress.

Your pets. therefore humbly pray that the Michigan