

To the Cherokee Committee now in session at new Echota 59

Your petitioner John Brown a Native of the Cherokee Nation  
Humbly sheweth to your Honors that according to the laws of the  
Cherokee Nation in 1822 your petitioner was authorized together  
with others to go to find a road from William Boghert's in  
western part of Cherokee river about 100 miles below the river  
to intersect it on the north side of said river. Charters  
the State of Tennessee is John Kelly & others which said road  
your petitioner caused to be opened agreeable to said order  
out the assistance of the said Kelly and established a ferry at  
Canaan in said river and made a contract with the  
owner on the north side of said river to run up the river  
with a small boat which has still been complied with of  
which your petitioner obtained a permit for a certain William  
By the name of Benjamin Allison to reside on the south side  
of the river - a very man for my use and benefit and during  
some considerable improvements was made on my side  
of the river on those under my permit afterwards when the  
belonging agents <sup>came on to value my property</sup> fraudulently I was deprived of the salvation  
of all except the ferry landing by the said Benjamin Allison who  
had the permit under me having sold to his brother William Allen  
and him objecting as he had possession, the said Allison with  
exception of a piece he had previously sold to one Philip Leno  
who had married a native of the Cherokee nation, which improve-  
ments consist of Building & are near forty acres of cleared land  
above and below the ferry of low river lands all of which your  
petitioner will make up for therefore your petitioner  
prays that you would take the same into consideration and lay the  
same before the Commissioners so that they may order the same  
to be taken for my benefit so that Justice may be

done me — and your petitioners as in duty bound  
will ever pray  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1837  
John Brown