

MVB et al. to the New York legislature, 18 February 1805

To the honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and assembly  
Convened,

The subscribers being freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Kinderhook in the  
county of Columbia humbly represent,

That the Bridge lately erected by the Inhabitants of the Town of Kinderhook and the  
City of Hudson over the Kinderhook Creek between the Mills of Lawrence and  
Townsend, and the mouth of the Claverack Creek, on the Stage Road leaving from  
the City of Albany to the City of Hudson, and from thence to the City of  
New York has lately been carried away by the freshet, and that the building and  
keeping in repair of this Bridge has already been <sup>more</sup> burdensome to  
the Inhabitants of the Said Town of Kinderhook and the City Hudson, and <sup>that</sup> this  
is the Second Bridge which <sup>has</sup> been erected by the said Town of Kinderhook &  
the City of Hudson and swept away by the freshet in the Course of a few years. Your  
Petitioners beg leave further to represent that it is of the utmost public utility that an  
other Bridge should immediately <sup>be</sup> erected, and that they have no *<fund>* to  
which they can *<resort>* to build another [ . . . ] [page cut off] them ~~Inhabitants~~, and  
the Bridge to be erected is *<illegible>* stage <sup>the</sup> Road, from New York to Albany,  
that the hon[or] of erecting another Bridge *<inures>* to the Public, and is of great  
public utility. And that your honorable <sup>body</sup> will grant your Petitioners relief in the  
premisses, by passing a Law to have the Bridge erected at the expense of the State,  
or to appropriate such sum for erecting another Bridge on the said Road at the place  
herein before mentioned, under such direction, as you shall think proper; or to grant  
us <sup>other</sup> such relief as you in your wisdom shall <sup>think</sup> meet,

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray,

Kinderhook}

James I. Van Alen

February 10th 1805}

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Peter L. Van Alen

Harmen Vosburgh

John A Vosburgh

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