

To the Hon. the Senate & House of Representatives
of the State of Ohio in Joint Assembly -

The Petitioners of Joshua S. Wilson, David Root,
James Challen, William Schellinger, Robert Roal Jr, Lady Smith,
John F. Key, Isaac P. Darnell, Ephraim Robins, James Warren,
John A. Rowbeck, Robert Wallace, William W. Green, John Thompson,
Daniel Hayden, David Hertz, Samuel Samuay, & Abraham A. Halsey,
Respectfully sheweth -

That whereas Your Petitioners
impressed with the importance of religious Education and
believing that the interests of religion & learning in the
West require the establishment of a well regulated
literary & theological Seminary in this section of Country
have conceived the design of forming such an establishment -
And whereas the peculiar plan of the proposed Seminary
combines many advantages especially in the facilities which
would be afforded to indigent young for acquiring a
preparation for the gospel ministry - And whereas the
pecuniary means necessary for the support of said institution
after its establishment under a legal act of incorporation
have been guaranteed to your Petitioners by Messrs C. Darnell & Co.
Merchants of New Orleans, who have generously offered to
appropriate for this purpose on their part of the net
annual income arising from the profits of their mercantile
concern for the term of three years & one fourth part of
said income under certain limitations thereafter, & have
moreover bound themselves in a written covenant that the
said appropriation shall during the first four years
amount at least to the sum of four thousand dollars -

Yours Plethman, therefore pray your Honorable Bodies to
incorporate them a body politic by enacting the annexed
bill into a law of the State of Ohio - And Yours Plethman,
as in duty bound will ever pray -