

To the Honourable Court of Assistants  
 Sitting at Boston, September the 5<sup>th</sup> 1676

The humble Petition of William Wannuckhow, Joseph  
 Wannuckhow, & John Appamatahqueen, all Prison<sup>r</sup> at the  
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Humbly imploereth your favor, to hear & concider our suppli  
 =cation : wee Know that your honours are men of truth fee  
 -ing. God and will fait<sup>h</sup>fully ~~performe~~ ~~your~~ perform your prmi  
 sis, Espically when it concernes so great a matter as ye Lives of  
 men. Your ~~wher~~ pleas<sup>d</sup> (of your own Benegnity not  
 for any Deserts of ours) to give forth your decleration dated  
 the 19<sup>th</sup>: of June where in you were pleasd to promise life and  
 Liberty unto such of <sup>^</sup>yo<sup>r</sup> Enimies [ *blot* ] as did come in and submit y<sup>m</sup>  
 Selfe to your mercy ~~and~~ order and Disposall within a time  
 Lim<sup>et</sup>tetted w<sup>ch</sup>: after ward was Enlarged to a longer time, and ty=  
 =dings there of sent By Jeams Printer unto us, w<sup>ch</sup> offers  
 of grace, as soone as we heard of it, we Redily Embraced it  
 and came in accordingly, our selves, wives and children (as Cap.<sup>t</sup>  
 Prentis and his Son <sup>^</sup>with others to whose house we were directed to come  
 are Redy to testifie, and those orders ~~are~~ of your are upon  
 Record of Coppies whereof we are Redy to Present If it should  
 be said that we are Known to Be notorious in doing mischief  
 to ye English, we Answer none can So Say in truth or prove  
 any Such thing against us, Indeed we doe acknowledge y<sup>t</sup>  
 we were in Company of those, that Burnt Goodman  
 Gaines his house, But we did not act in it, It was done by  
 others, who are flain in the wars, and so have answord  
 Gods Justice for there demority, as for our part we  
 Came along w<sup>th</sup> that company upon a nessesary and Just  
 occation, to get our corn w<sup>ch</sup> we had planted gathered and  
 put up at magungoog. But finding our Corn taken away  
 we Indtended to Return, But Neatus and an other  
 Man that were our Leaders, Ernestly Moved to Goe to  
 Goodman Eames farm for to get Corn, and they Said  
 they did Beleive he had taken our Corn But we were un  
 =willing to goe: But they By this perfuasion and threatning  
 caried us w<sup>th</sup>: y<sup>m</sup>. But as we Said Before we neither Kild [ *blot* ] or Burn<sup>n</sup>  
 nor toke away any thing there, But were Instrumental  
 to Save Goodman Eams his children alive, one of us carried  
 one boy <sup>^</sup>up on our Backs Rather than Let ~~me~~ Them Be Killed this  
 is the Truth of Things So That we Cannot Be Reckoned amōg  
 Such as have Been notorious in doeing Mischeefe, Indeed we  
 were among the Enimies, Being temted to goe among y<sup>m</sup>

Petition of the Indian  
 prisoners William  
 Wannuckhow Alias  
 Jackstraw & Son  
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By the example of our Cheife man Capt Thom Toñ and  
 others. But we had no armes nor did not hurt the English

as many others have done, that y<sup>re</sup> upon there Submission to  
 your Mercy are pardoned, Besides It was a Time of warr  
 when this Mischeife was done ; and though It was our un=  
 happy Portion , to Be w<sup>th</sup> The[ *blot* ] Enimies, Yet we Conceive y<sup>t</sup>  
 deppredations and Slaughters, in warr are not Chargable  
 upon Pirticular persons, Espicialy Such as have Submitd  
 Them Selves To yo<sup>re</sup> honours upon promis of Life &  
 as we have done, ~~again as we~~ <sup>Therefore</sup> ~~and~~ we desire againe to  
 Insist upon that plea, y<sup>t</sup> we may Recei<sup>e</sup>ve the Benefit of  
 your dec<sup>l</sup>arationf Befor mentioned our Lives will not be  
 at all Beneficiall To goodman Eamf, Those That Slew  
 his wife & Relations and Burnt his house, have ~~alre~~  
 already Suffered death ~~for it~~, and the Sattisfactiō  
 of goodman Eams in our death will not Countervie<sup>n</sup>  
 the Honor & Justice of <sup>^y</sup> Authority of the Country  
 That may Be Ble<sup>m</sup>ihed Thereby - - - - -  
 Therefore Let it Pleas yo<sup>r</sup>. Hon<sup>r</sup>. To Concider y<sup>e</sup>  
 Promises and graunt us our Lives as you have ~~promi~~  
 Promised which will Ever oblige us to Be yo<sup>r</sup> Most  
 faithfull Subjects & Servants : The Marques of  
 William Wannuckho<sup>w</sup>  
 Joseph Wannuckhow  
 John Appamatakū

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