

To the Hon^{ble} the L^t Governour Council & Representatives in Generall
court now assembled att Boston

The Humble Petition of John Eames & his Brethren.

Sheweth

That whereas on the 2^{cond} of february next after the Narragansett Fight, Five of the Natick Indians revolting from the English assaulted Thomas Eames his house and destroyed it, and flew his wife and five Children (and Foure only of those whome they tooke into Captivity returned) And whereas two of those Murders, Old Jacob a cheife man sometimes att Natick and Joshua Afsuns returning within the time Limited by Proclamation had their Lives granted then and they lived many Years att Natick after their Return. And whereas the said Thomas Eames Sued to the Indians of Natick for some Recompence for the Irreparable Injury don him and his ffamily & Obtained a parcel of Land of two or three hundred Acres not Farr from the place of the f^d Thomas Eames his former habitation, Which y^e Indians of the Towne of Natick gave him Possession off, & said Land was built upon and Inhabited by said Thomas Eames and his sons before his deceased. And Whereas for the more legall confirmacoñ thereof to him his heirs and assigns he obtained on January 24th: 76: An Act of Natick Indians att their Court at Nonantum for the same Only it was ordered that Sherbourn men should make the Indians some Consideracoñ out of their Lands that they were to Exchange with the Indians by Allowance of the Generall Court of the Colony; Also the Towne of Sherbourne to Gratifie the said Eames did Grant him Two hundred Acres of Land as by their Towne Records Appears to deliver to the Indians for Recompence for that land of theirs that he said was said Thomas Eames his Land Included in the Exchange of Land that they of Sherbourne made with the Indians of Natick. Whereupon the Indians being somewhat disatisfied, John Eames Your humble Petition^r was constrained to Pay Twenty and two pounds in money to the Indians of the Town of Natick besides all the Cost his Father and himself were att in the Relieving one of their olde Indians that was the Sachem of that Land; and obtained a Deed from foure of their principall men att Natick Comittees of the Town of Natick in the names of the said Towne fully granting enfeoffing & confirming the said Lands that said Thomas Eames was possessed off in his life time unto his heires and assigns of the said Thomas Eames our Father, In which deed most of what wee have above expressed is brought in as the Speciall consideracoñs on account wherof they confirme said Lands to our Father and sons the said heires and others the assigns of the f^d Thomas Eames, and said Deed was acknowledged and recorded in the Yeare 1695. And Whereas wee the heires of the said Thomas Eames are like to be Ruined a second Time by being Ejected out of sd Lands for want of Leave from y^e Generall Court to have seen granted to The Indians to sell this Land to us (That Liberty that was Granted them by the Generall Court may 28th - 1679 att the Motion of Thomas Eames being Eluded by the unwilling nefs of Sherbourne People to grant the Indians any of their Land in Exchange for these our Lands and foe to take o^r Lands into their Township)

Yo^r Petitioners Therefore doe humbly and Earnestly Pray the mercy Compafsion -
and favour of this high and hon^{ble} Court That our Lands foe sold us by the Indians
may be allowed and Confirmed to us by Yourselfes, and that wee and ours may not
be in perpetuall feare and danger of Utter Ruin which if you shall not have com

pa√sion Upon us, will hang over our heads.

June 24: 1701 read.
27. read 2nd time
and a 3^d -In ye^e houfe of Rep^rfentatives:

And yo^r Petition^{rs} as in duty bound
fhall Ever pray &c

John Eames
Nath^l Eames
Sam^l Eames

And: Refolved that the Indian Sale petitioned for be
allowed and here by Confirmed to the petition^{rs} as good -
and valid in Law to them and their heires for ever
according to their Deed acknow^{led} and upon Record
this 17th Day of Aprill: 1695 -----
Sent up for Concurrence

Nehemiah Jewett : speaker

In the Houfe of Representatives

feb.^{ry} 25.th 1701. Refolved. That the Indians Sale Petitioned for
be Allowed and hereby Confirmed to the Petition.^{rs} as
good and valid in Law to them and their Heires ~~fore~~ Afsignes, and to the Afsignees of their father[^]
[*illegible*] according to their Deed Acknowledged and upon
Record[^] the 17.th Day of Aprill 1695.
Sent up for Concurrence.

Thomas Eames dec.^d

Nehemiah Jewett. speaker

[verso:

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Past June 1701

The humble Petition
of John Eames -
& his Brethren
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Past Febru^{ry}. 1701/2

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Read in Council past and consented to.

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