

Province of To his Excellency Jon^a Belcher Esqr Cap^t
 the Mafsachusetts } General, & Governour in Chief in and over s^d
 Province And to the Hon^{ble} Councill, and Re
 presentatives in General Court afsembled
 Att Boston Nov^{br} 1737.

The Petition of Zacheus Wickett, Jabez Wickett
 Mary Natumpum, Esther Tarros Robin Wickett
 Gideon Natumpum Moses Wickett Esther Wom
 pus Benjⁿ Wickett All Indians & So [*illegible*] Ma [*worn*]
 bee Inhabitants Owners of Oyster Island in Barn
 =stable in the County of Barnstable most humbly
 Sheweth that they are the Heirs and Legall Rep
 presentatives of Simon Wickett Indian deceased
 And from whom the said Island descended: And
 that y.^r Petitioners & their Ancestors have been put to
 great cost & Charge in defending their rights & Title
 to the said Island in their several Actions brought
 Against the heirs of said Simon Wickett: the first action [*illegible*]
 was with the Tribe of Barnstable the second Action
 was with the [*illegible*], the third was with one
 [*illegible*] Rich [*hole*] rds . All the afores^d Actions were finally
 tryed [*illegible*] a review and Judge [*illegible*] in Favour of
 the Heirs of the Said Simon Wickett & the title beyond
 all dispute is settled in y.^r Petitioners But the cou
 rt charges of Nine tryalls Viz three tryalls in each Action
 was very considerable & the Bill of Costs [*illegible*]
 but to one third of the time & Cost necessary ex
 pended in the said Lawsuits And y.^r Petitioners
 are thereby bro^t into debt & Very considerable Sums
 [*illegible*] yet due to the Estate of their Attorney
 Daniel Parker Esqr dec: d & sundry other debts due
 from the Petitioners as by the Acco^t given in to
 the Justices of the inferiour Court of Com^o Pleas
 for the County of Plimouth agree [*illegible*] to an Order of
 this Court y^e [*illegible*] June 1725 & herewith exhibited
 & y.^r Petitioners humbly beg leave to inform y.^r
 Excellency & this Hon^{rbl} Court that notwithstanding [*torn*]
 the title to the s.^d Island is settled in so firm a
 manner upon them yet being leased to s.d Dan.l
 Parker Esqr, their afores.^d Attorney to respond the Char
 -ges of s.^d [*illegible*] & now held by s.^d Parkers Heirs [*illegible*]
 Security for the same who have the sole profit
 of the said Island making Strife & Waste of the Timber
 grows thereupon And y.^r Petitioners are not advan:
 tagged [*illegible*] [*illegible*] ing for the profitts of s.d Island & still
 remain

[verso:

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remain in debt & under difficult Circumstances
But [*illegible*] it is they have Land enough to live upon
at Marshpee & Titticut & elsewhere & are very [*illegible*]
were to Co[*illegible*] in the Law again ab^t Oyster Island
or to [*illegible*] In the great Spoil & Waste comitted there
the charge of the former Tryalls being so heavy &
burdensome & One or two more Law suits will
totally ruin ye Petitioners tho' in an honest &
just Case Y.^r Petitioners or those who are the
heirs of the s.d Simon have several times
applied themselves to the Gen^{rl} Court touching the
Premises [*illegible*] might sell the s.^d Island And in
Particular the Gen^{rl} Court upon their Petition
in the year 1735 ordered a Comittee to enquire
into the Particular Affairs & circumstances thereof &
to report what was proper to be done therein
But so it happened the said Comittee never met
on the affairs & so made no report And y.^r Petition[*torn*]
still remain under [^]their difficult Circumstances
Wherefore they once more beg y.^r Excellency &
Honours to take their Case in y.^r just & Wise con:
sideration & enable them to se[*torn*] the said Island
& to pafs & Execute good deed or deeds thereof the
[*illegible*]
their debts and relieving them as their Necefsitys
& Circumstances call for.

And as in duty bound [*illegible*] we ever Pray &c

In Councill Dec^r 13. 1737

Read & ordered that Mel:^h Bourne
Seth Williams Esq^{rs} with Such as
shall be joyned by the House be
a Comittee to consider of this Petition
& report as soon as may be what
may be proper for this Court
to do thereon

Sent down for Concurrence
Simon Frost Dep. Sec^y

In the House of Represen^{tives} Dec^r 20 1737

read & Concurred & Jn Rufsell
W:^m Payne & Ste: Skiffe Esq:^r
are joyned with the Gent:^m ap:
pointed By the board in the
Affair

J. Quincy Sp:^{kr}
as Consented to

J. Belcher

Zacheus Wickett

mark

Jabez Wickett

mark

her

Mary Natumpum

Mark

her

Esther Tarras

Mark

Robin Wickett

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Gideon Natumpum

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Moses Wickett

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Esther Wompus

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Benj^a Wickett

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