

Province of the } To His Excellency Jonathan
Mafsachufetts Bay } Belcher Esqr Gov^r: The Hon^h Committ
and Houfe of Rep.^{tives} in Generall Court afsem
bled At Boston May 1739

The Petition of Ephraim Williams of the Indian
Town of Houfetonock River at the defire of the
Rev^d Mr John Sargant, the English Inhabitan^{ts} and
Indians Dwelling there most humbly shows

That the English & Indian Dwelling there Labour^{^under} many
Inconveniencys for want of being Incorporated into a diftinct
and Separate Township and vested with the powers and
Previledgs of the Town within this province
That there are about fourty familys in the whole have
a Minifter Settled and a meeting Houfe built they
therefore pray by your Peti^r they may be made a town
ship & vested with the ufual power thereof and
as in Duty bound shall ever pray &

Eph^m Williams

In the Houfe of Rep^{tives} ^ June 12, 1739 Read and Comitted to the Committee
on y^e Indian Petitions -- to Confer & Report

The Committee ~~are~~ having fully Considered the foregoing petition are of opinion
it will be for y^e service of y^e Indians as well on others Inhabitting thre
for the lands called y^e Indian Town To be Incorporated into a Township &
vested with y^e powers &ct as other Towns have & do enjoy that therefore
the petitioner have leave }
to Bring in a bill accordingly } p order of the Com^{tee} Eben^r Pomroy

[verso:

June 11

at the Ind. n. T. on Housatonic River

In the House of Rep^{ves} June 15th 1739 Read
and Ordered that the prayor of the petition be
granted, and the petitioner is allowed & impowrd
to prepare & bring in a Bill for incorporating
the Indian plantion ^within mentioned into a feperate & diftinct
township accordingly

fent up for Concurrence
J Quincy Sp:^{kr}

In Council June 20: 1739
Read and Concurr'd Simon Frost Dep Sec.^{ry}

Confented to

J Belcher

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Petition for Erecting ye Indi
an Town at Housetonock
Into a Town Ship June
15. 1739 June 20

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