

Nantuckett, August the 9 day

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to his Excellency William Sharley Esqr Captane Genral and  
Govener in Chief in and over the provinces of the Matfasheutas Bay  
in New England and to the hounnourball his Majs Counsell  
and hounerbel of The Repr<sup>e</sup>sentive in all General Cortes asenbled  
May it please your Exelieencs and houners the hunbel petiton  
of us th subscribes Iiddians of the [ *erasure* ] Island of Nantuckett hounerbally  
Magestey Will hear our Complaint for the English are very abousef  
to us all thar have taken a way all our Land it is called Skwam in  
wich the Indins ahas ben seteled on Ever sents the Land has ben  
in habetall and Now thay hav taken it all away and order us to  
Move ~~W~~ our housen and won't suffer us to plant aney Corn if We do thay  
Let thare Creaters Eat it all up and our Land that we have got farm  
Deeads of and on Rackkord thay Layed out tto one another and cot the  
Grass thare of and we ant suffured to be heard in Cort ConCarning it  
in dead sur it is fullfulls the scripiter thay are a Graves and that man  
walk over and are not awar of them thare mouths are as smouth as  
Iyel and thare harts are as raven [ *erasure* ] wollefs and the Land in which we  
Call Skawm whare we have Lived Ever sents the Island has ben inhabeted  
they have moed 5 hundred and 9 lods of <sup>^</sup>hay and won't suffer us to so much as to Rep  
a hog one our Land but thare for diveing us tord the west Eand of the Island  
whare there is no Corn Can groo and not one half or the six tenth of us have  
planted and them that has planted thay have Let out thare shep and  
and dayly Lay in our corn and 8 dayes [ *erasure* ] past thay mad a Genarall Call among  
we poor Indians to Com and hear the paper that Govenner sharle had sent and we  
went the Munday falling and heard it Red by abisha folger and Johnathen  
Coffin and Richard Coffin and thay Rad we was to plant ~~one aker a pecas~~ <sup>as much as thay Likt apeas</sup> if thay  
three men thought fit and whare thay Liked thay will Give Libertey and with out thare  
Consent we shall do nothing and that we should Let no Land to aney pour man  
thay Neead not Giveing that Charge We cant Git it to plant of our one because thay  
Ceep it out of our hands and I pray ~~we~~ you to take it in Concederation  
and afist us and I pray that God smit be of our side and be your Gide and do  
the thing that is Jest we want not B folger nor no other man that is Liveing  
on the Island to be over us for all thay that are Livers on hear that are Corcarned  
in Coming thare sperits are of the divel and thay Cant do nothing that is Good or  
jest Concaring us all we want is our Land in wittch is Called skwam for us to make use of  
as we have all our dayes past tell thay have [ *erasure* ] <sup>Even as taken it by fose</sup> it ayay we desier to have it Reternd  
to be our one our Life time and for Euer and not to be destorbed from our  
Comfort in this World J don't under sand Why thare should not be Jestes for us and  
Why our Clames may be Cast out

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apram-nooffoo

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