

To the Honorable Board of Councillors & to the Honorable Houfe of
Representatives in & for the State of Mafachufsetts Bay in General Court
afsembled this 26th day of May 1779.

The memorial & petition of Gideon Hawley Clerk & Mifionary among
the Indians and pastor of the Church of Chriftian Indians at Mashpee in the
County of Barnstable humbly sheweth.

That he hath spent his days among the Indian Natives of this Land-
that in early life he was among the weftern Indians and founded a mifion
among the Six Nations which florifhed till the infelicities of the prent day
difturbed its tranquility. - That he hath been 22 years at Mashpee not
seeking the properties or goods of his people but their beft interefts as all who
kow him can testify.- That he hath a dwelling houfe and other buildings
but only five Acres of poor Land the whole of it not fufficient to pature
a cow - That he hath no meadow of any kind nor fire wood, nor fenc-
ing of any kind. That after his deceafe his houfe & buildings can be of
no benefit to his pofterity without a Landed intereft in fome meafure equal
to their quality - that in this day of hoftility his salary as it came
from London is a great part of it not paid at all; ~~that it is in a mea-
sure cut off.~~ That his poor people hang upon him for bread - That
his Indians did for thefe & others good reafons on the 27th of April this year
of our Lord 1779 make him a grant of Lands & meadow which he
now humbly prays the great & general Court to enable them to re-
alife unto him & his heirs by a good & authentic deed and their
petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Gideon Hawley

Rev: ^dGideon Hawley

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