

The petition of John Eliot of Roxbury  
to this honourd Court

sheweth

that feeing the wifdō of Gods Provi=  
dence hath caſt us, to begin o<sup>r</sup> Indian work  
w<sup>th</sup>in the bounds of that grant w<sup>ch</sup> the  
Court was pleaſed to grant, <sup>to Dedham</sup> ~~them~~. feeing  
alſo theire towne is ſo ſeated on the edg of  
their lands, if oth<sup>r</sup> townes come up to theire  
dores. my humble requeſt on theire behalf is if  
this hono<sup>r</sup>d Court woud pleaſe to treat w<sup>th</sup>  
the oth<sup>r</sup> townes bordering upon ~~that~~ them,  
that as they yield up much to the Lords up  
on the one ſide, ſo their neighbours  
would be helpful to them by yielding up ſome=  
~~wah~~ what to them on the other. &\* thus  
beging the good bleſſing of heaven on all your  
holy counſels & labours, & beging of you , youre  
prayers for me, I take leave & reſt

Natick this 23                      your w<sup>r</sup>ps to comānd  
of the 8<sup>t</sup>. 51.                      in chriſt  
John Eliot

In Anfwer to this pet. & uppon the motion of the inhabitants of Dedham tendering  
the furtherence of the Indian plantation at Naticke, to allow them two thouſand  
acers within theirs bounds, pvided they lay downe all Claymes in yt towne elf whear  
& ſet no trapps in uninclōſed land, This Court approvinge theire tender therein  
doth order that the deputies of Dorcheſter Roxbury watertown Cambridge & Subury  
together w<sup>th</sup> the deputies of dedham ſhall in a Committee to Conſider & our further  
therein, & that in Caſe m<sup>r</sup> Eliot ſhall in the behalfe of the Indians deſire more  
of Dedham lands, they may ſtirr upp & move theire ſeverall townes, to further their  
works by yeldinge ſome land in Each of there townes Adjacent to recompence  
Dedham for what land they ſhall part with over & above the two thowſand  
acres above ſd/ the depute have paſt this w<sup>th</sup> Reference to the Conſent of o<sup>r</sup>  
honoured magiſts hereto                      William Torrey Cleric.

The magiſts Conſent heereto      Edward Rawſon Secrty

[verso not available