

The humble petition of John Eliot of Roxbury
in the behalf of the poore Indians, to this
hono^re^d Gen: Court, this 21 of the 8.^t 59.

Sheweth

- 1 That wheras the Town of Chelmsford & the Indian Towne of Pautuket
have made an exchange of Some lands, to the contentment & Benefit of
both Townes, W^{ch} are allready laid put & bounded, my humble request is, that
this exchange may be confirmed by the Gen: Court. And moreover be=
cause Major Willard & Capt Johnfon, have not yet laid out that
Indian Towne, w^{ch} by agreement of the agents for chelmsford, & my
self, in the behalf of the Indians, was to be made up on the oth^r
side of the river, I humbly request the hono^red Court to appoynt
the afore named gentlemen to finish y.^t work & y^t Jonathan Danforth
who hath allready surveyed all those lands, may be appoynted to [*crossout*]
[*crossout*] accompli^{sh} the same.
- 2 my request is y^t m^r Tho Danforth may be appoynted to see to the
laying out & building of the Towne of Natik, according as
it is bounded by the Co^mittee, & accepted & confirmed by the
Gen: Court.
- 3 my request is y^t m^r Danforth may also have pow^r to lay out &
bound the two Townes of Ogguonikongquamesit, & Haffannimesit
- 4 my request is y^t major willard may have pow^r to lay out &
bound the Towne of Nalhop neere Concord.
And lastly that the Court would please to take order that
these Townes may be kept in the state of Townes, & that
the Indians may not have pow^r so to sell away their lands
as to alienate them fro the Townes. nor to have pow^r to
sell their interest in the Co^mon land in the Towne, before it
be divided out with them.

Thus praying for the blessing of heaven on all your
weighty affairs I rest

your hmbles petitioner

John . Eliot .