

To the Hon.<sup>ble</sup> William Dummer Esqr Liev<sup>t</sup> Governour  
and Commander in Chief in and ouer his Majefties Province  
of the Mafsachufets Bay in New England and to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the  
Council and Houfe of Reprerentatives in: Generall Court afsembled

John Clark of fherborn on Nantucket in the province aforesd  
Humbly fhews

That I have been ferved with a Cobby of a Petition of Chriftopher Almy  
of Newport on Rhode Island fetting forth how one Jonas Cooper an  
Indian was Convicted of Receiving and Concealing ftollen Money & goods  
from Thomas Weft and afsigned to ferve four years for fattiffaction  
and how John Clark of Nantucket under the Colour &c obtained  
Judgment & had Execution for the Recovery of s<sup>d</sup> Indian from him  
which was not a pretence or Colour but Real Matter of fact the Indian  
was under Obligation to me long before s.<sup>d</sup> Judgement and I had  
fupplied him with Necefsaries for his fubfiftence to a Confiderable  
value too much for me to lofe if I Could avoid it therefore I hope  
your Honours will not blame me for obtaining Judgement & Execution  
thereon Not to Defeat the former Judgment as he Infiuates nor  
to Recover the Indian from him by any Illegal proceeding but to  
get if I could what was Juftly Due to myfelf and I knew nothing  
to the Contrary but that both Judgments might have been fatisfied  
before the Expiration of four years but ~~he faies~~ he faies he is.  
advifed that his ought firft becaufe grounded on a Criminal profecution  
and at the Instance of the King and I think the King wrongs no man  
but adminifters Juftice Impartially to all his fubjects and that a  
Criminal action of the Indian ought not to Cancel his former Obligation  
but whether it will fufpend it for the s<sup>d</sup> term of four years I leave  
to your Honours to Determine Neither fould I have been fo Con=  
-cerned in this Matter if the Indian had ferved s<sup>d</sup> term in this  
Country but fince the s<sup>d</sup> Chriftopher Almy as I am Informed Jmploys  
him Conftantly in Voyages to the Weft Indies a Climate often fatal  
to men born and bred in thefe Northern parts it makes his Debt to  
me little better than Defperate for the Execution I took out it  
was Returned by the Officer that no goods or Eftate nor the perfon  
of f<sup>d</sup> Indian to be found and where to find Either I know not fo that  
the Execution is already fufpended for the prefent fo I hope your  
Honours will take all thefe things into Confideration and Refolve  
thereon what in your great wifdom is Agreeable to law and Juftice

and your petitioner as in Duty bound Shal Ever pray    John Clark

[verso:

In the House of Representatives July 1 :<sup>th</sup> 1727  
Read & Sent up W<sup>m</sup> Dudley Sp.<sup>r</sup>

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