

Province
of the
Maffachufetts
Bay

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq^r Cap^t General and Governer in Chief
in and over hif majefties aid province
To the Hon^{ble} hif majefties Counfel and houfe of Repr^{es}entatives in General Court
Affembled the Humble petition of Saml James of Bridgewater Indian man and
Jean his wife late Jean fairweather: Humbly fheweth that your petitioners are
owners of one quarter part of one fourty acre lot of land lying in the
town of LittelCompton in the County of Bristol and lyes Joyning to the land of
mr Charlf Dyer which land waf the land of your petitioners mother farah fair=
=weather and now if your petitioners own right which land lyeth fo far diftant from
your petitioners Inheritance that they Canot have the profit of it af they would be
glad to have your petitioners would therefore Humbly pray that you Excelency and Hon^{rs}
would take thefe things into your wife confideration and grant your petitioner liberty
to fell the abovefd lands that they may be able to purchaf lands near home which
will be far more profitable and your petitioners af in duty bound fhall Ever
pray---

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In the House of Repr^{es} June 10th 1740

Read and Ordered that the Prayer of the Pet^r be granted Samuel James
and the Pet^{er} is hereby allowed and Impowered to make sale
of the land mentioned in the Petⁿ for the Most the fame Jean James
will fetch in proceeding herein to Obferve the Rules and
Direction in the Act of the Province of the 6th year of the Reign of his late Majesty King
George Cap^t 3^d Relating to Real Estates and William Hall Esq^r with Such as shall be Joyn'd
by the Hon^{ble} Board are hereby desired and Impowered to be aiding and Afsisting the Pet^r and fe
Justice done him in the[^]_[crossout]premfes. The Proceeds thereof to be applyed towards purchasing land
in Bridgewater more convenient for him. They to render an acct of their Proceedings herein to the
Court. Sent up for concurrence. J Quincy Sp.^{kr}

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[verso:

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A Petn of Saml James
June 12. 1740

In Council June 10 1740
Read and Concurred and John Cuthing Esq^r's
joined in the affair J William Secy.
12: Consented to
J Belcher

June 9

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