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To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq^r
Cap: General and Gov. In Chief The Honble
His Majestys Councell and House of Representatives
In Generall Court Assembled att Boston
March 25:th 1741 ----

The Petition of John Abram of Grafton Indian Planter Humbly Sheweth ----

That Your Petitioners Father Andrew Abram of said Grafton Did by his Deed Duely Executed Date May 17 -- AD 1739 for the Confideration therein mentioned Sell to -- Your Petitioner and his other Son Jonas Abram a minor Since Dec.^d a Certain tract of Land in said Grafton and bounded as p the Deed appears which Your Petitioner Supposes to -- Contain about fifty or Sixty acres to be Enjoyed by your Petitioner and his Brother their Heirs and Assigns -- Equally our Said Father Reserving to himself and to his wife Deborah the use and Improvement of part thereof as as p Deed aforesaid willfully appear -----

That about five months Past Your Petitioners Brother the Said Jonas Dyed of a Descease Called the Kings Evil whereby Your Petitioner Supposes his said Father will hold what was his said Brother Would have Enjoyed had he lived That Your Petitioner has always from his Birth been Troubled with the Same Desease which Seized Your -- Petitioner Throat; but about a twelve month Past being taken with the Measles his former Destemper had broke out Under his Right Arm and is become a Grevious Runeing Sore which has been very Chargable as well as Painfull to him and will til Apprehended be the means of Your Petitioners

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That Your Petitioner has nothing to help or Support himself under his Milfortunes his father and Mother being In Years and not able as other wife they would That per Order for Your Petitioners being Enabled to pay for his Support heitherto and to Support -him while he lives his said Father is Willing the Land aforesaid Should be all Disposed of Referving to himself and his said Wife what is Reserved In said Deed Duereing their Lives and that the Money Arifing by the Sale thereof be Applyed for the purpofes aforesaid Your Petitioner therefore most Humbly Prays Your Excellency and Honours will be Pleased of Your Great Goodness to Enable your Petitioner with the Confent of his said Father to Sell & Dispole of Said Lands the Money Arifeing by Such Sale to be Applyed for the Discharge of the Just Debts he has already

Contracted by means of his Defeafe and the Refidue to be Applyed for his Comfort and Support while he Lives or Otherwife Grant Releif In the premifes as to --Your Excellency and Honours In Your Great Wisdom Shall feam meet & as In Duty Bound Shall ever --Pray &c.^t his

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I Andrew Abram Father of the within Petitioner and of the within named Jonas Dec^d hereby Signifie my Sinceer Defire and free Confent to the Sale of Lands within Referred to for the Uses therein

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Therein Mentioned Provided I be not Interrupted In the use and Improvement of what is Reserved to me and my Present wife as to Particularly Set --forth In sd Deed and am Willing to doe any thing on my Part Necessary In order to Perfect the sale And I further Certify that my said Son the Petitio ner is Upwards of Twenty Years old and Labours Under the Infermity Set forth In Said Petition --

his Andrew A abraham mark

In the House of Rep^{ves} April 1. 1741
Ordered that the Prayer of the Pet^r be so far granted as that the Pet^r be and he hereby is Allowed and Impowred to make sale of thirty Acres of Land mentioned in the Petn for the most the Same will sell for In proceeding herein to Observe the directions in the Law of this Province of the 6th Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George Cap. Tad relating to real Estates and Col Nahum Ward with such as that be Joyned by the Honble Board are hereby desired and Impowred to be aiding and assisting the Petr wh the Premises. The proceeds thereof to be applyed to discharge the Petrs Just Debts. the residue to be applyed for the Petrs future Support and Comfort. They to render An Acct of their proceedings herein to this Court

Sent up for concurrence J Quincy Sp. kr

In Council April 1.1741 Read & concurred, Edward Goddard Efq.^r is joined in the Affair J Willard Secry

Mem Tue. Consented to

J. Belcher

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A Petⁿ of John
Abram
April 1. 1741
Com^{ted} to Brigham Willard
and Livermore

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