

Province of the  
Mafschufetts Bay fs

{ To His Excellency ~~Jonathan Belcher~~ William Shirley Esq.<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>tn</sup>  
 General & Governour in Chief To the Hon.<sup>ble</sup> His  
 Majesties Council & Honb.<sup>le</sup> Houfe of Reprefentives  
 in General Court afsembled this twentyfifth day of  
 November 1741

The Petition of Amos Ahauton Thomas Ahauton Hezekiah Sqamoo[ *torn* ]  
 and Simon George Indian Proprietors at Punkapogg an Indian Plan[ *torn* ]  
 within the Township of Stoughton within the County of Suffolk an[ *torn* ]  
 Province afores.<sup>d</sup> Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner  
 with the allowance of the Great and General Court afores.<sup>d</sup> did on the  
 twenty fecond of March feventeen hundred & twenty five fell a  
 confiderable part of our land to fome of our Englifh Neighbours for  
 a large fum of money which was by the order of the said Court to be paid  
 into the hands of a Committee appointed to manage the Indian affairs  
 at Punkapogg at that time but to be for the only ufe of the Indians  
 there your prefent Petitioners and others and notwithstanding there  
 was at first five hundred and fifty pounds and fince it amounts to  
 about feven hundred and twenty pounds yet we have received but li[ *torn* ]  
 of the interest money and inasmuch as your Petitioners are advan[ *torn* ]  
 to old age and not knowing how foon we may be taken away [ *torn* ]  
 our Children and Grandchildren and being fenfible that the Legislature  
 interpofing in our affairs was with the good defign of preventing our  
 being wronged by fubtle & defigning perfons which good difpofitions we  
 doubt not ftill continue And we being fenfible there is great need  
 of a reformation among us we therefore pray your Excellency and  
 your Honours would <sup>^</sup> take fuch effectual methods in order to bring about  
 fo good a thing as in your wisdom you fhall think proper we more  
 particularly defire your interpofition relating to our Observation  
 of the Lords day that all may be made to attend on publick worfhip  
 which at prefent is much neglected & in order to our fo doing your  
 Petitioners humbly move your Excellency & Honours that you would  
 be pleafed to let us have one hundred pounds of our money to b[ *torn* ]  
 us a meeting houfe in fome convenient place on our land and [ *torn* ]  
 Petitioners further pray that the interest of our money may be paid us  
 or that the fame may be laid out in cloaths and fuch necefsaries as at  
 prefent we ftand in great need of the infirmities of old age being now  
 fuch with us that we are ~~not~~ able to doe little or nothing towards  
 obtaining a livelyhood the interest of our money amounts to upwards  
 of five hundred pounds which we expected would have been paid us  
 yearly by the Hon.<sup>ble</sup> John Quincy Esq.<sup>r</sup> the Trustee but we know not  
 what is become of fo much interest money and we have no Account  
 from the Trustee either of what we have received or are to receive and  
 what

[ The Petition of Amos  
 obscured ]

[verso:

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What we have already received it is in lieu of money but we think some of it is not half so good wherefore your poor Petitioners Humbly pray the Trustee may be called to an Account that we may know how the circumstance of our affairs stand for we think very hard justice done us and that the good intentions of the General Court towards us are in a great measure frustrated and we further pray that when the Trustee [ torn ] rendered his Account that your Excellency & Honours would in [ torn ] compassion to us appoint some other suitable person to be Trustee in the stead of the present Trustee and if your Excellency and Honours should in their great goodness think fit to appoint Samuel Miller Esq.<sup>r</sup> of Milton - to be the Trustee it would be gratefully accepted by your poor Petitioners yet with the greatest submission we leave it to your wife conduct to appoint such other person as your Excellency & Honours shall think proper you poor Petitioners humbly desire to leave the whole of this affair to your wife & just consideration praying that a speedy issue may be of this affair so that [ torn ] may be provided with some cloaths for our selves & Wives before the [ torn ] roaching winter and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall [ torn ] say &c.

Amos Ahauton  
 Thomas X Ahauton  
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 Hezekiah H Squamogus  
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 his  
 Thomas X hunter  
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In the House of Representatives Dec<sup>r</sup> 24. 1741  
 Read (together with the Answer of John Quincy Esq.<sup>r</sup>) and Ordered that Cap<sup>t</sup> Watts M<sup>r</sup> Prout and Cap<sup>t</sup> Choate with such as the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Board shall Joyn be a Comm<sup>ee</sup> to take s<sup>d</sup> Petition Answer and Accompt under consideration (with power to send for Persons and papers if wanted) And Report what they Judge proper for this Court to do thereon

Sent up for concurrence  
 J Hobson Sp<sup>kr</sup>

In Council Decem<sup>r</sup> 30. 1741  
 read & Concurd & William Pepperil & Francis Foxcroft  
 Esq.<sup>rs</sup> & Samuel Danforth Esq.<sup>rs</sup> are joined in the Affair.  
 J Willard Secry.

Pet<sup>r</sup> of Amos Ahauton  
 and other Indians  
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