

The Committee appointed on the Petition or Complaint of Amos ~ Ahauton and others, having afsigned a time for hearing the Parties, none of the Petitioners, save Amos, appeared to Support the Matters of Complaint therein Set forth against the Trustee of the Indians at Punkapaug; one of the Petitioners being deced some years before the petition was proferr'd , and, so far as appears to us, before his Name was Set to it; And others of them having signified under their hands, that said petition was not signed by them or by their Order, and that they are well satisfied with the Conduct of said Trusftee; But the said Amos on said Hearing, alledged sundry matters of Greivance, relating partly to the Clothing, but principally to the ffood allowed and delivers to the Indians by said Trustee, whereof no sufficient Proof was produced, especially as to the ffacts alledged, which, if supported, might have fix'd blame upon him; But on the contrary some things charg'd againft him, to us appear'd groundless and abusive, prompted, it's likely, by some malevolent and difaffected perfon ( whose Refentments were perhaps excited by a Suit at Law ^against him for non payment of some of the Indians money) and with an Intent to traduce the said Truftee and asperfe his Character, who, notwithstanding any thing objected againft him has, so far as to us appears, been faithful in the difcharge of the Trust reposed in him~

We are therefore of Opinion That the Hon.<sup>ble</sup> John Quincy Esq<sup>r</sup> ^the aforesaid Truftee be defired to continue his Care and Oversight of the Punkuag Indians; and inasmuch as in cafe of the Indians sicknefs, Old Age or other extraordinary Ocafion of Expence, the Interest of the money in the said Trustees hands, may not be sufficient for their Support and Relief; That therefore he be allowed and impowered ^ to advance or lay out such part of the Principal Stock as he shall judge to be absolutely necessary for that Purpose and thereof, from time to time, to render an Account unto this Court

The Committee are further Opinion That the Petition of the said Amos Ahauton &c be difmifsed

Pr Order of the Committee

Bofton March 31. 1742

W<sup>m</sup> Pepperrell

In Council M[ hole ] 1742 Read &  
Ordered that this Report be Accepted, & that  
the Petition above referenc'd to be difmifsed accordingly  
Sent down for Concurrence  
In the House of Rep.<sup>ives</sup> April 2 1742 J Willard Secry  
Read and Concur'd

J Hobson Sp<sup>ker</sup>  
Consented to

Wm Shirley

[verso:

Tho: Ahawton etc  
Petition difmifsed  
April 2. 1742

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