

To the Hon^{ble} General Assembly of His Majesty's Colony of Connecticut, to be Convened at New Haven, On the 2.nd Thirsday of October A.D. 1749

We your Honour's Committee Appointed at your Sefsions in May last to Repair to Stonington There by all proper ways & means to Examine & Enquire of The Matters Sett forth & Complained of in The Memorial of Mary Momohor, Simon Sokient & others Indian Natives of The Tribe of momohor Late Sachem of The Pequots, And to Inspect all Records or Writtings that should be produced before us relating thereto, and to Examine all Evidences or Perfons concerned Therein; and of what we should find, together with Our Opinion thereon, as also how or by whom the Costs & Charge of Such Enquiry ought to be born, to make Report to this Assembly at Their ~~Present~~ Sefsions in October Instant; Take Leave to Report as follows viz

That on the 4.th day of This instant October We Repaired to Said Stonington and There on The 5.th & 6.th. days of y.^e Instant We proceeded on The Examination & Enquiry of the Matters Complained off, and had ~~with~~ laid before us The Records; ^{relating to The Case} & the perfons & Evidences concerned Therein Appeared--- and We find That at a Court of Election held at Hartford on the 10.th May 1683-- Cap^t James Fitch, Cap^t James Avery & L.^t Tho^s Leffingwell were Appointed a Com^{tee} in Behalf of The Assembly to procure a Sutable Tract of Land that might be Sufficient for the Pequots under Momohor's Government to plant upon or Settle them on Some Country land or if any particular perfons propriety, should thro' the Necessity of The cafe be improved for Their Supply, he should be repaired out of the Country Land, or by the Town of Stonington; and thereupon The said Com^{tee} bought & procured a Deed of Isaac Wheeler of Said Stonington, dated 24.th May 1683 of a parcell of land said to contain 280 Acres, butted & bounded as in Said Deed is expresed In which Said Wheeler sold & pased over his whole right to said Land to Cap^t James Avery & L.^t Tho^s Leffingwell a Com^{tee} in Behalf of The Hon.^d General Court for the Use of Momohor & The Indians under him; & In Consideration thereof the said Wheeler received an Order to take up Country Land; & In the said Deed in the Close Thereof 'tis Expresed in these words-- viz "Only 'tis provided & agreed upon, That I have the whole benefit of Their feilds for my Cattle & Horses, & The Indians are to Secure Themselves by Fencing:---- In October 1683 the said Deed was returned and Approved of by The Court, & Granted

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41b That The Land Shall be the use of Momohor & his Company during the Courts pleasure---- And We find that the Said Isaac Wheeler received an order to take up 500 Acres of Country Land in Considere=

=ration of the said Land by them Secured from him, & In purfuan-
ce of said Order Said Wheeler had 300 Acres of Land laid out to him
May 9.th 1685 On the East side of Quinabaug river—and Another
Tract of 300 Acres of Land laid out to him June 6.th 1685, on the
North Side of Pauchaug river--- Which last Mentioned Tract
of Land was afterwards claimed by Owaneco, & said Wheeler for
the Consideration of £3-- obtained a Deed from Owaneco of said
Land dated Dec^r 16.th 1685-- and In consideration of said
Last mentioned Tract of Land being claimed & bought as afores.^d,
The General Assembly In Oct.^o 1713 Granted Liberty to the
who married one of sd Wheeler's daughters to take up 300 Acres of land, at ye Choice of sd Mr Coit in ye Country Land

Rev.^d M^r Coit ^ In Leiw of The S.^d 300 Acres claimed as aforeSaid ~
And We further find That Sam.^{ll} Minor & Josiah Grant
having purchased Several Antient Grants made to some
Winsor Men, did Obtain a Survey made by one Palmer
Ap.^{ll} 28.th 1716 of The Land purchased as aforeSaid for the Ufe
of Momohor & The Indians under him--- and Afterwards in
October. 1722 James Minor in the right of s.^d Sam^{ll} Minor
Bro't a Memorial To The General Assembly, praying for
a Com^{tee} to View the said Tract, & To Sett out what They
Should Think necessary for The Improvement of S.^d Indians, and
Accordingly a Com^{tee} was appointed, to make Enquiry & Drew up
a Report To The Assembly; and The said Minor Cameing up
To The Assembly to pursue said Report--- William Wheeler
Son & Heir To said Isaac Wheeler, came to Said Assembly to
prevent The Said Minor's obtaining The said Land, and Then
in May 1723 The said Minor for the Consideration of £60
released to s.^d Will^m Wheeler all his Claim to said Tract of
Land.--- And We find That from The Time that said land
was first Secured to this day There hath been more or less of Said
Indians Improving on Said Land, and They used Generally
before The said Deed of Release to plant The Ground, & let out
to The English who dwell near them, Their feilds for feeding without
any Molestation; and Since during The Life of The said ^^{w^m} Wheeler
They used to plant & improve what they wanted without any
Complaint or Molestation--- And The Said Will^m Wheeler fenced
The Large Tract of Land, in Which The Indians fenced their

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Small Inclosures for planting--- and The Said Wheeler took the
profits of The Herbage: And We find That on the 13th Aug^t
1747 He said W^m Wheeler made his last Will & Testament; &
in some short Time after died, and by said Will gave the Said
Land, with other lands adjoining, to his Sons in Law William
Williams & his wife & Nathan Crery and his wife, Since Which they
have divided The Same between Them; & Said Crery hath fold, and
Given a Deed of ^^{his right to} 3 1/2 Acres In fee To Simeon Minor Esq, and
They claim to hold The whole Thereof in Fee, Allowing only to

the Said Indians liberty to plant Indian Corn, & Denying them any Liberty to keep any Cattle, Sheep or hoggs but what is Entirely at Their Will or mere favour & That the Indians think Themfelves wronged & Injured Thereby, & That They have not The Freedom of using & improving the said Land, as in Justice & by Said Grant They ought, & Therefore have made their Application to This Hon^{ble} Afsembly for Redrefs; and The said Williams did declare to us That he claimed The Land laid out to him as aforesaid of Said Indian Land, In Fee Simple; & That The Indians had right There only To plant Their Corn & Beans, & No further— Whereupon Your Honour's Com^{tee} Take leave to Refer to Your Honour's The Consideration In whom the Fee of said Land is, and whether any Thing is Needfull further to be Done by This Afsembly, as to any Right or Title the Gov.^r & Comp^a of This Corporation may have To it—

And as To The Matter of The Indians Complaint, Who are in Number about thirty Eight of old & young, & The Greatest part Females; Who are not disputed to be the proper Descendants of S.^d Momohor this Comp^a of Indians -- and There are many More who Claim a right, yet The English dispute it; We are of Opinion That They had Just Ground of Complaint, & That They have Just right to use & Improve so much as is Needful for Them not only by planting Corn; Beans, &c but for keeping & feeding Their Cattle, Sheep & Hoggs, which We are Info[*hole*] They have Some of Each sort; & That Therefore The said Will^m Williams & Nathan Crery ought to be holden to pay the Just Costs & Charges of This Enquiry; and That some Sutable person or persons be Appointed a Com^{tee} fully Authorized & Impowered by this Hon^{ble} Afsembly to Inspect The Affairs of S.^d Indians, & See that they have The Liberty of Such Improvements On Said Lands as is Needfull for their Support & Benefit as well for the Keeping their Creatures as planting The Ground, So That Justice may be done & They Saved from Disquietude All which is Humbly Submitted by Your Honour's Obedient Servants

Oct.^o 9.th 1749

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