

Province of the
Mafsachusetts Bay fs } To His Excellency William Shirley
Esq:^{re} Cap:^t General & Commander in Chief
of s:^d Province To the hon:^{ble} His Majesties
Councill & Houfe of Representatives
in General Court Afsembled Sep.^t A.D. 1753

The Memorial of Samuel Moho & others in behalf
of them selves theire Bretheren & Sisters Indian planters
belonging to the Town of Stoughton in the County of
Suffolk - Humbly Sheweth

That we look upon you as our Fathers & we really believe
you love to be kind to us, but we believe you have not
known how we have been abafed for many years
past. Therefore we pray Your Excellency & Honours will
not be angry with us for Complaining /. and we
would say that we verily believe that Col:^o Miller
and Major Shepard have in their Accounts charged
many things wrong fully.

And we are Sure that Since they were Set over
us our woodlands have been plundered by many perfons
So that our Cedar Swamps & Timber Trees have been
destroy and our firewood cut off of our Land to that
degree that our lands are now Thousands of pounds
of lefs value than they were ten years ago ~
And we have had no recompence for the Same
we doubt not but you our Fathers are disposed
to Shew us more kindnefs than you would show
t[*hole*] the Eastward Indians.

[*hole*] are very much difsatisfied with the mañagemñ
of Col:^o Miller & Major Shepard and without
your Excellency & Honours will appoint some
Gen:^{tn} to look into the Matters we complain of
we shall in a Short Time come to beggary
Major Shepard has mightily caused three of
us

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to be put into prifon and there kept a great
while in the most diftreffed Condition for we could
not beg or If we did we could not get any thing
by it as the white people could, & he rather sides
against us than for us in Any disputes.
There are many of our kind neighbours see that
we are wronged & have told us that we migh[*tear*]
Complain to the Governour & the Great Court
which we now do & humbly pray we may

be heard upon those points wherein we have
been grieved & Injured, and that your Excellency &
honours would In your great wisdom goodnefs &
kindnefs relieve us, and we Shall be very
thankfull to your Excellency & Honours

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Samuel Moho
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In Council December 7. 1753 Read and Ordered that the
Complainants Serve the within Named Samuel Miller and
John Shepard Esq.rs with a Copy of this Complaint that they
make Answer thereto on Fryday the Fouteenth Instant
Sent down for Concurrence

Th.^s Clarke Dp^{ty} Secry

In the House of Representatives Decemb^r 7. 1753
read & concurred

T Hubbard Spk.^r

In Council Decem.^r 10. 1753 read against & Ordered
That the Consideration of this ~~Pet.~~ ^{Pet. n^o 1} Compl^t be refer'd to Wednesday the 26th
Current & that the complainants serve the Adverfe Party with a
Copy of this ~~Pet.~~ ^{Pet. n^o 1} hereof as soon as may be that they may make answer thereto

Sent down for Concurrence
Tho.^s Clarke Dp.^{ty} Secry

In the House of Rep.^s Dec.^r 14 1753
Read & Concurred

T Hubbard Spk.^r

Mohos | *illegible* | Indians
Petition
December 7. 1753

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In Council December 26. 1753 Read again together with the
Answer of Samuel Miller and John Shepard Esq.^{rs} & Ordered
that Benjamin Lincoln Esq.^r with such as the Hon.^{ble} House
shall join be a Committee to Repair to the Wood Lands and
Cedar Swamps mentioned in the Complaint[^] ~~as soon~~ as soon as may be and to hear the
Parties and Report what they judge Proper for this Court
to do thereon

Sent down for Concurrence
Tho.^s Clarke Dp.^{ty} Secry

In the House of Rep.^s Dec.^r 27. 1753
Read & Concurred & Col. Richards & Cap.^t Joseph Williams
are Joyned in the Affair T Hubbard Spk.^r

Samuel Mohos Petition

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