

To His Excellency William Shirley Esq^r Capt General and Governour
 In Cheif In and Over his majestys Province of the mafsachufets Bay
 In new England [*illegible*] to the Honour^{ble} The Councel and Houfe of Reprerentatives
 In Generall Court Afsembled October 17th: 1754

Humbly Sheweth the Subscriber's Indian natives and Inhabitants of the Ifland of Nantuckett that we must Once more Beg your Excelency and Honours to Hear Our Distrefsed Curcumftances and that you well be Pleafed to Take Some Effectual meafures that we be Releived and Extricated Out of Our Difficulties which Are as followeth. viz we Are at this Day the Rightfull Owners of a Confidarable Part of the valuable Lands On the Said Ifland of Nantuckatt But as we Are there On Said Ifland and none to take Our Part the English Proprietors there have Taken Our Lands From us and Improve them and allow us no more Preveledge then Only Enough To sett an Houfe upon and a Small Gardan we Cant Keep a Cow Horfe nor Sheep unlefs we will Submitt to hive the Preveledge of the English and when we Offer To keep any Creatures Other ways they Impound them and Putt us to near as much Costs as the Creatures are worth One Or Two Instances we Beg Leave to mention 1^{thly} John Tafhama In January 1753 who as he Suppofes Has a Prevedge Right to keep a Cow and an Horfe to Run and feed on the Ifland had his Cow taken up at that Twice In the year By Zephaniah Coffin and Able Gardnier and Impounded and he was Obiged to Pay Two Pounds twelve Shillings Lawfull money Before he Could have his Cow Out of Pound Or Go to Law with them which he was In no Capacity to do and has Ever Since been Obliged to keep his Cow tied up to Prevent a Second Impounding. 2^{dly} Some of Our Said Lands Particularly at the west End of Said Ifland by the Court held at Edgartown June 20th 1672 were Setled upon Our Predefesors ~~and~~ and their Heirs never to be Sold Or Alienated from them without the Confent of them Or Heirs and the Sachem which Said Settlement Remains un[*illegible*] to this Day and we App[*hole*]nd Ourfelves [*crease*]dly D[*crease*]Withall to have these very Lands Improved by the English and Our felves forceably Kept Out of the Improvement of any of them many more Instances to Say no worfe of hard ufage from the English to the Indians might be mentioned but as Sundry of them have been Here to fore told of In the severall Petitions that were Lately Prefered to your Excellency and ^{hons} & that have as well Proved [*illegible*] and therefore we would not be further Tedious Or troublefome: But Only Once more to Beg your Excellency and Honours to take Our Distrefsed Carcumftances Into your Wife Consideration to Recieve Our former Petitions and take some Effectual meafures that we may have at Least the Same Justice Done us as Other of His majestys Good Subjects have Reafons always to Expect under your Excellencys and Hounors Wife Protection and that you will be Pleafed to appoint Some Gentlemen that Stand Indifferent to make a Particular Inquirey Into Our Titles and the ufuage we have Received from the English On Said Ifland from time to time and Report the Same to your Excellencys & Honours so that we may Be Extricated Out of Our Prefsing Difficulties Or Other wifes to Releve us as you In your Great wifedom Shall see meet And as In Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray x:

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 John + Tafhama
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Daniel Phillips
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Samuel x Humphry
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Jofeph Skutquary
his x mark
Benjamin Tarfhamy
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