

Province of the
Mafsachufetts Bay

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To His Excellency William Shirley Esq^r Captain General
and Governor in Cheife in and over said Province the
Hon: his majestys Council and House of Reprefenatives
on Gen:^l Court Afsembled at Boston Feb: 5th.1755--

Humbly shews

Charles Brigham Joseph Merriam and abner Stow Selectmen of the
Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.--
That in the Summer of the year 1751 one Sarah Burnie an Indian
Squaw of said Grafton died after a long Sicknefs --That dureing her
Sicknefs she was under the Care of M^r Hezekiah Ward there placed
by your Petitioners as Selectmen aforesaid --
That the Cost thereof which your Petitioners were obliged to pay amounts
to thirteen Pounds Six shillings and Eight Pence nor could they get clear
what they became obliged to pay said Sum being Sued for the Same
That they have applyed to the Trustees of the Indians at Grafton
to reimburse the sum by them paid who decline so doing without
the direction of your Excellency & Honors Altho they have money
in their Hands almost suffi[hole] for that purpose remaining on
the sale of some of said Squaws Land but was to be applyed to
other uses, but upon her Death Still Lyes in their Hands unapply'd
Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that the money remaining
in the Hands of said Trustees being y^e Sum of Twelve pounds Ten
Shillings Together with part of y^e annual Income of y^e money
coming to her Heirs for as [^] for Interest as may be Sufficient applyed to reimburse
your Petitioners Said Sum with reasonale Damage to be adjusted
by said Trustees or that Releife may be granted in such other way
as may be confistent with your Ex.^s & Hon.^s Experienced Justice & Wisdom
and as in Duty bound shall pray

Char.^l Brigham
Jofeph Mariam
Abner Stow

The Subscriber one of the Truftees of
the Grafton Indians Certifie that the facts
Set forth in the above Petition are True and that [^] there is Remaining in the
hands of the Truftees the Sum above mentioned and humbly Apprehend
that

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that [^] it is very Reasonable the Select men should be Indemnified or
the Truftees would have done it if They had power so to do

John Chandler

In Councill Febry 21st:1753

Read and ordered that the prayer of the petition be Granted
and that the Truftees of the Grafton Indians be directed to pay
for y^e purposes within Mentioned the Sum of Twelve pounds
Ten Shillings remaining in their hands towards Reimburing the peti-
tioners & that they pay y^e Remainder [^] so as of [illegible] to [^] [illegible] Indemnifie them
out of the Interest mony belonging to the heir of y^e said Sarah

Burnee Decd as it [*illegible*]
Sent down for Concurrence
Tho.^s Clarke Dep.^{ty} Secry
In the House of Rep. Feb.^{ry} 21 1755
Read & Concurred
T Hubbard Spk^r
C[*hole*]nted to
W Shirley

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