

To His Excellency Thomas Pownall Esq Capt General, Governor,
& Commandr in Cheif in & Over his Majefts Province of Mafsachufet
Bay in New England and to y^e Honourabl his Majefts Council &
Honourabl Houfe of Repprefentatives in General Court Afsembled

We The Subscribers Guardians to y^e Potnumcut Indians Agr^eable
to an Order of y^r Excellency & Honour^{rs} in y^e Laft Sefsion |upon
y^e Petition of a Number of Sai^d Indians| have Inquired into y^e
Complaint Contained in Sai^d Petition and are of y^e Opinion
That They are So far Supported That Several of y^e Petitioners
have bin prevented by Silvanus Snow for Several Years paft
from Whaling on Billingsgate point or beach and one of them
in partickular from building on Said pointe~~d~~ Tho he has
Several Times Attempted it and That Several of Them that
have bin in a boate with y^e Inglifh have bin Obliged to pay
Their proportion of Six Shilling Lawfull Money which Sai^d
Snow Demanded of y^e Eandsmen of y^e boates Tho not paid by
the Indians personally but Through y^e hand of Sai^d Inglifh men Otherwife
they Could not have y^e Prevedg of Whaleing on y^e point Except
they Could make a boates Crew Exclufive of y^e Inglifh and in
That Cafe we Dont find Said Snow in Any Instance Refufe
Their building & whaling There wee are further of y^e Oppinion
that if y^e Right of Sai^d point & beech be in y^e Indians | and
Nothing to y^e Contrary at preafant appears to us| That it is a
Valleuable Intrest & might be Improved to Great proffet
to y^e Indians if They ware in y^e Quiat pofefsion Thereof but
by Reafon of Extream poverty are Not able to pofsefs Themfelves
of what The apprehend to be Their Right without y^e Aid & Afsiftance
of this Hon^{bl} Court Which is Humbly Submitted by
Harwich Feby 27th 1758

Nath^l Stone
Jofeph Hall

[verso:

Guardians [*crossout*] Report