

Province of the
Mafsachusetts Bay

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To his Excellency Thomas Pownall Esq^r
Cap^t General and Comander in Cheif in and over
s^d Province The Hon^r his majestys Council
and Houfe of Representatives in General Court
Afsembled at Boston May - 31st 1758.

The Petition of Benjamin Wifer of Worcester in the County of
Worcester Indian Planter. and adm.^r on the Estate of Samuel
ToBumso. of Westborough in sd County. Indian Planter Dec.d in
behalf of himself and for Sarah Printer of Grafton widow
Leah Chaucom Judah Ephraim Elizabeth Cumacher & Mary
Ephraim all of Natick Widows humbly shews

That the said Samuel ToBumso died seized of Thirty six acres of
Land in Natick ten in Westborough and one Hundred in Hardwick
and altogether of the Value of about — £88 - as apprized
That he died in Debt the sum of Ten pounds eight shillings

That his personall [*crossout*] Estate was apprized at only y^e Sum of Sixteen shillings
& 10.^d. that there is a Necessity of Selling part of s^d Lands to pay his debts.

Your Petitioner Begg Leave to Inform your Excellency and Honor.s
that he by his care and Industry is Settled in worcester and Lives in
English Fashion and can off of his Lands which he owns there
being about thirty five acres Subsist himself and Family comfortably
but ~~bu~~ having been put to Charges in Subdueing his Lands & Building
he has the misfortune to be in Debt about y^e Sum of thirty three
pounds seven shillings - which he is unable to pay without
The afsistance of this Honorable Court ~

That

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That he and the aforementioned Sarah Printer, Leah Chaucom
Judah Ephraim Elizabeth Cumacher & mary Ephraim are

the only Heirs to the Estate of the s^d Deceased ~

The said Benjamin therefore humbly Prays that he may be Impowered (under the Direction of such Perfons as this Honble. Court shall think proper to Enable him to Sell the aforesaid Lands) So that he may be Enabled to difcharge the Debts of the Dec.d & pay the Charges and that [^]the Surplassage be put into the Hands of the [^]Guardians of the Natick Indians viz. such parts thereof that shall belong to those that Live at Natick - and that such part as shall belong to your Petitioner and the s^d Sarah Printer into the Hands of the Guardians of the Hafsanamisco Indians — and your Petitioners part to be applied by s^d Guardians for y^e Payment of his Debts and the Remainder if any be for purchafing some Land that Lyes adjoyning to your Petitioners Land in Worcester -

Benjamin Wifer

We the Subscribers heirs to the Estate of the within named Samuel ToBumso Dec.^d humbly pray that this Petition be granted and that we May have the Interest of such part as belongs to us for our Maintenance & Support ~ and as in Duty bound shall Pray

her
Sarah printer
mark
her
Lea Chalkcum
mark

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Wa y^e May 20th. 1758 I Apprehend it would really Serve the Pet
-tion^r Benjⁿ Wifer greatly to have y^e Land Sold as it were Set him
Clear of Just Debts contracted for Land &c^r he being a good husband
and living in English Fashion and work -
It will also be of great Service to Sarah printer She being a
Lame Old Woman one of her Legs being Cutt off & is a Grafton
Indian to whom I am One of y^e Guardians

John Chandler

The other I dont know

we the Subscribers apprehend it would Realey Sarve Leah Chalcum
and the other Heirs

to have ye Land Sold they being [*erasure: a*] widows & it would help to Support
these they Living in natick to whom we are two of the Gardens

May 25th 1758

John Jones
Jos: Buckminfter

In Councill June 2d, 1758 Read and Ordered that the prayer of
the petition be granted and the Petitioner Benjamin Wifer in his Capacity
as admr be & ^{he is herby} Impowered to make Sale of the Reall Estate of y^e Dec^d as mentioned
in this petition & to Execute a good Deed or Deeds for conveying the Same to Such
person or persons as Shall Give moft for the Same first making due
publication of the times & places of Sale by inferting the Same in one of
the Boston News Letters & in y^e places where y^e Lands Lye in y^e Two ^{of the} adjoyn
ing Towns & Shire Towns of y^e Respective County in which the Lands are
That Joseph Buckminifter Efq on of y^e Guardian of ^{the} Natick Indians afsist
in & ^{See} that Justice be done ~~be done~~ in y^e Sale of y^e Lands Lying in the County
of Middlefex & that Edward Baker Esq one of the Truftees of the Grafton
Indians afsist in and Se that Justice be done in the Sale of the Land
Lying in the County o^A Midlfex And that upon the Said Adm^r adjuft=
:ing his Acc^t with the Judge of [*illegible*]for the County Worcefter the

mony Remaining by Land Sale be divided according to Law among the pro
per heirs; that such part as belongs to the Natick Indians be put into ye
hands of the Guardians of these Indians & by them put^{out} to Interest -
on Good S[*illegible*]ty & ye Interest Applied for their Comfort & Support, Said -
Guardians to be Accountable from time to time to this Court & that such part
thereof as belongs to ye Petitioner Wifer be applied for ye payment of his Just
debts under ye Inspection of the Trustees of ye Grafton Indians and the overplus
if any there be be apply'd for purchasing Land for him and that such
part as may belong to the said Sarah Wifer be by Said Trustees put to
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Interest in Good S[*illegible*]ty & apply'd for his comfort & that the said
Trustees be accountable to this C[*illegible*]from time to time for their
proceedings

Sent ~~up~~^{Down} for concurrence
Tho.^s Clarke Dp.^{ty} Secry

In the Houfe of Reps: June 2. 1758.

Read and Concurred with the Amendment at A

Sent up for Concurrence.

T. Hubbard. Spkr

~~A. Add~~

~~And that their proportion of the Province and County Tax be taken off from
the Town of [*illegible*] and added to the Town of Worcester.~~

A Dele Middlesex and Insert Worcester

In Council June 5. 1758. Read and Concurreed

A Oliver Sec^{ry}

Thos Hancock

Consented to

TPownall

Benjn Wifers
Petition
June 5. 1758

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