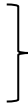


Province of the  
Mafsachufetts Bay



To his Excellency Thomas Pownall Efq.<sup>r</sup>  
Cap.<sup>t</sup> Gen.<sup>l</sup> and Governor in Chief in and over  
his Majesties Said Province. To the Hon.<sup>ble</sup> his Maj.<sup>es</sup>  
Council, And Houfe of Representatives in Gen.<sup>l</sup> Court  
Afsembled.

Petition of Leah Chalcom  
&c.<sup>ra</sup> of Natick  
Oct. 18 Oct[ cut ]

The Petition of Leah Chalcom, Efther Sooduck, and Hepzibeth  
Pegon, Indian-women of Natick in the County of Middlefx, & [ illegible ]  
Humbly Sheweth,

That Your Petitioners being pofsefsed of about Forty Six acres  
of land in Said Natick, the fee whereof is in themselves; As also of  
a small right in the Common and undivided lands in Said Natick,  
which is of small value; And your Petitioners being brought up to Houfe  
hold bufinefs, are uncapable of improving Said lands: And their  
Predecefsors | under whome they hold their prefont pofsefsions | having  
many Years Ago, Sold Twenty Acres of very valluable land in  
Said Natick, the title whereof having Since failed, Your  
Petitioners | being Subjected by Law | having paid for the  
Said lands, and Secured the title thereof to the prefont oc-  
cupants, and there<sup>^</sup>by involved themselves in debts to the value  
of about Thirty five pounds, Lawful money: And unlefs they  
Are impowerd to Sell Some of their Lands to discharge the  
Same, the whole of their Eftate will Speedily be exhausted  
by freequent Law-Suits; And as the Remaiñg part of their  
Said Eftate would be of More Advantage if Sold and the money  
at intrest in the hands of their Truftees or Guardians, the  
Intrest thereof | and that only | to be applyed to their year-  
ly Support, as they Shall need the Same\_\_

Therefore your Petitioners Pray that Your Excellency and this  
Hon.<sup>le</sup> Court. will grant them power to Sell their Said lands  
already laid out, and their Common Rights, their Said debts being  
paid, the remainder of the proceeds to be kept as Intrest for  
their Support as above, & Your Petitioners as in duty bound  
Shall

[ verso:

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Shall Ever Pray. &c.<sup>ra</sup>

her  
Leah Chalcom  
Mark

Natick June. 2. 1759

her  
Efther Sooduck  
mark

her  
Hepzibeth Pegun  
mark

We the Subferibers have Examened into the  
facts Set forth in the within Petition and find  
them true and are of the mind it is reafonable  
it Should be granted

John Jones  
Jos: Buckminfter  
John Clark

} Guardians  
of Natick  
Indians

In the Houfe of Rep<sup>ves</sup> Octo 17 1759

Read and Ordered that the Pet<sup>n</sup> be by and with the  
Advice and Consent of the Guardians of the Natick  
Indians impowered to Sell the lands herein  
mentioned: and to execute a good and sufficient  
Deed or Deeds In the Same. And that the  
Money arising by said Sale Viz Thirty five  
pounds be applied to pay the Debt herein mentioned  
And that the remainder be put into the hands  
of the said Guardians to be p[ *illegible* ] out as Interest

And the interest arising thereon to be applied  
for the Support of the Pet.<sup>rs</sup>

The said Guardians to be accountable to the Court  
Sent up for concurrence

S. White Spk.<sup>r</sup>

In Council Oct.<sup>r</sup> 18. 1759.

Read and Concurred

A. Oliver Sec<sup>r</sup>

Consented to

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