

To his Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.^r Cap.^t Gen.^l
and Gov.^r in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province
of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

To the Hon.^oble his Majesty's Council, & House of
Representatives in Gen.^l Court Assembled.

The Petition of Sarah Wampsquon ^{^Indian} Widdow, now Residing in Natick [*torn*]
Humbly Sheweth.

That She was born in Natick Aforesaid, And at Six years of age was bound to Service to John Braddish of Cambridge now Deceased for 12 years, and after that Served 3 years more in that Town, and then went to Service at Boston 3 years more, at which Time she was Arrived at the age of 24 years; Then married at Natick, But as Neither her parents nor her husbands Parents Were Proprietors, She never had any freehold, nor any Estate Saving 1/3.rd part of Ten Acres of poor unimproved land in Natick that her late Husband Solomon Wampsquon Purchased, which is Assigned her for her Dower for life: And she being now Arrived at the age of Sixty ^{^five} Years or more, hath not dwelt in any one Town in this Province Twelve months at one Time Since she lived in Boston Aforesaid: That she about Eleven months Ago Suffered a Shock of y^e Dead Palsey whereby she is Rendered unable to labour to procure the least degree of Sustainance, nor even to feed herself without some assistance; And as the Inhabitants of Natick are Greatly burthened with their own Poor, And your Petitioner having no Pretensions to a legal Residence in with them, She can expect no relief from them for the future, and for the time past hath had none but by Private Charity; And As y.^r Petitioner hath neither house nor home, She humbly Prays that this Hon.^oble Court will not Suffer her to Perish in the Streets in this Severe Season, But that Your Hon.^{rs} will order that her Dower aforesaid be sold for the most it will fetch, and that y^e Proceeds the Small may be applied towards her support; and that She may have some further support provided her, in case of need, that she may not lay in the open air Exposed to the inclemency of y^e Weather in want of all things, And Your Petitioner as in duty bound Shall ever Pray. &c.

Natick January. 29. 1767.

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Sarah X Wampsquon
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410 In the House of Representatives March the 13th 1767.
the facts set forth in this petition appearing to be true therefore Resolved, that the prayer of this petition be granted and that Cap.^t John Jones of Dedham, be and he hereby is empowered to make sale of the one third of the Ten Acres of Land mentioned in this petition for the most the same will fetch, & to make & Execu-

=te a good Deed of the same to the purchaser he observing the Rules and
Directions of the Law Respecting the sale of Real Estates by Execu^{rs}
and Adm^{rs} and the monies arising by such sale [^]to be applied for the
the mon purposes mentioned in the petition. Sent up for Concurrence

T. Cushing Spk^r.

In Council 16th March 1767 Read & Nonconcurr'd

A Oliver Sec^y

Petn of Sarah Wampson
Mar 14 1767
rep^d Accepted

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