

To his Excellency Francis Bernard Esq^r governour
& Captain general in Chief in and over his majestys
Province of the Massachusetts Bay in new England and
to the Honorable his majestys Council and the honorable
House of Representatives in general court assembled

humbly sheweth

we the [*erasure*: Sup] Subscribers Indian Inhabitants of the Island of
chappequideck in the county afore said, moreover we Do make
Complaint to your Excellency and honors, ^{we} the Indians of
Chappequidick in the county of Dukes County of Edgartown
in the county afore said as Indians of said Chappequidick
humbly sheweth

against the purchasers and proprietors by trespassing on our
lands on said Island, in Cutting and carrying of the wood
and Brush which is to the Damage of us all that the
inhabitants afore said house Inclosed Lands for Summer
Pastering of Cattle and not making their fences
Sufficient their creatures Do greatly damage to out
Corn fields, they the Inhabitants afore said Do Practice
tethering their creatures within Reach of our Corn when
growing which is Damages of us all Breaking down
and Eating our corn and also by riding through our
corn fields which is greatly to our damage and it
will forevr

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for these trespases we the Indians Do complain of defiring
your Excellency and honours would not grant the Prayer
of the Petitionr als we [*erasure*: Destroy] Shall be Destroyed
and y^r Respondents as in Duty bound Shall ever pray
Chappequidick

novembr 20th 1767

[verso:

and the English purchasers or proprietors they never take
of their greatures from Chappaquiddick Island until ~~first~~
June and we are Runed, we humbly beg to ^{Your} Excellency and
honors ~~prayer~~ we pray to your Excellency & hon^{rs} the prayer
of Petitioners may not granted and Y^r Respondents as in
Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Chappaquidic Indians
Complaint Nov^r 1767

marks
Joel x Joel
James x Ropen
mark x kottoode
mark x kottoode Juner
Ebenezer x kottoode
Samuel Peters
georg Johnson Juner
Zachariah howwoswe
John x Joel
Beniamin x naytake
Beniamin x naytake
John x Joel Juner
Benikiah x Joel
Belick x Simons
Job x wannai
George x Johnson
Beniah x mosses

marks
gerushshea x kondye
Sarah x
patience x dach
Bethiah x dach
patience x Ekae
Ruth x wannai

Edgartown

Att A Meeting of the Proprietors of y^e
Island of Chapequideck Held By adjornment this Twenty
fourth Day of May: 1764 and then and there Voted and
Made Choife of John Norton Esq^r to Be there agent
for s^d Propriators of s^d Island: to Prefer a Petition to y^e
Great and General Court of this Province to Settle y^e Rights
of y^e s^d Proprietors and others according to what May
Be Just and Right

Atrue Copy of that one Record Examined by me
Daniel Coffin Proprietors
Clerk of sd
Chapequidick