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To his Excellency Francis Bernard Esq^r Captain
General and Governour in Chief in and over his
Majestys Province of the Mafsachusetts Bay in new England
and to the Honourble his Majestys Councill and
the Honourable house of Representatives In General
Court asembled

The humble Petition of Indians of Chabbaquidick
In the County of Dukes County as Natives unto
the Ifland of Chabbaquidick In the County

Humbly Sheweth

wee the Indian Inhabitants of Chabbaquidick
In Dukes County we humbly beg that your
Excellency and Honours would Take our Distresfed
Conditions Into your wise Considerations and we
Pray Grant us Some Speedy Relief or we shall
be Ruined past Remedy for we beg Leave to
Inform your Excellency and Honours that notwithstand=
ing the Report of the General Court.^s Committee
Relative to this Place and the proceedings theron
notwithstanding our Remaining Your Excellency
and Honours by our Petition Latly offends the
People of Edgartown / as if they Took the Delay
of this Matter as the fittest oppertinity to Destroy
us / Seem to Double their Deligence to our
Disadvantages / and Imploying one Certain Indian as
we Suppose to Cut our wood In Great Quantitys
and Convey the Same to the water from whence
they / the English / take it / and unlesf there is
Some Speedy Stop Put Unto our wood will Be

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Be Gone upon which we Must Leave the Island
to our Deftoyers / and this Indian which they the
English Impoying to Cot our Wood So he Imploying
Like manner another Indian / that they the English [*erasure*: So]
Mite have Some what against us to the General Court
we humbly Beg to your moft Gracious Majestys Why
or Shall we ^{all} Suffer for one or two Mens Sakes
Moreover the English having Enclosures on the Island
So they Care Not whether the Creatures are Taken
off by Planting time or Not whereas our lands being
In Common if we plant In Season we are Sure
to have our Corn Destroyed by the English Cattle
they running on / on the Island often until Some
time in June / therefor we Beg to your Excellency
and Honours would Consider our Sore Distefsd Conditions
Upon the whole the Importance of this Matter to us

Compels us to repeat our Prayers and beg that
our Last Petition as well as this may have so
Mutch regard paid as belongs to the Cryes of
an Injured and helpless people and we as in
Duty bound Shall Ever pray

May 27th 1768

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John x Joel Si^{er}
John x Joel Juner
Beniah x mosses
James x Roben
Mark x konnoonud
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Patiance x Dach

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Petition of Chapaquidic
Indians June 1768

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