

Stoughton December 3:<sup>d</sup> 1776

To the Honorable the Council of the  
State of the Mafsachufetts Bay

This is to info your Honors that the Committee of Cor-  
-respondence for the Town of Stoughton has (by Virtue of <sup>an</sup> Act  
of the General Court) taken up one Isaac Williams, (a  
Molatto) a Deferter from the Army & committed him  
to the public Goal in the County of Suffolk; who when,  
he <sup>^</sup> was committed was in a very poor State of Health, & fince his  
commitment he is reduced to an exceeding low State: and unles  
he is discharged it feems he must perish.. I beg your Honors  
to take his Case under your Confideration, & take fuch  
Order thereon as in your Wisdom you shall think  
proper

Jonathan Capen Guardian of the Punkapog  
Tribe of Indians

N. B. Said Williams married one of said Tribe

State of Mafsachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Dec.<sup>r</sup> 6.1776

Ordered that the fheriff of the County of Suffolk  
be and he is hereby directed to release from his present  
Confinement one Isaac Williams a Molatto  
now a prisoner in the Goal in the County  
of Suffolk      John Avery Dp<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

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Petition & Order of Council  
to release Isaac Williams  
a Molatto from the Goal  
in the County of Suffolk  
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