

Mashpee 27<sup>th</sup> April 1779

To the Honorable Board of Councillors for the State of Mafsachufsets Bay : and to the Honorable Houfe of Representatives of the Same that will meet in Gen<sup>ll</sup> Court the Laft Wenesday in may next.

The humble petition of the Joseph Richards Noah Wepquish & others principal Proprietors natives & Inhabitants of Mashpee in the County of Barnstable & state of Mafsachufsets Bay, humbly sheweth.

That whereas our faithful & beloved pastor Rev.<sup>d</sup> Mr Gideon Hawley hath spent his days is civilizing & gospelizing the Indians and in Serving them in deverfe ways & manners and is yet in that work, we the subfcibers and others at a Proprietors meeting held in the District on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March appointed a Committee to confer with our said minister respecting making him and his heirs a grant of our property for his future encouragement in our service in this time of difficulty, and have this day accepted the report of the said Committee in a full meeting of the Proprietors, a Copy of which attested by our Clerk we shall send herewith. We petition the great & general Court of this State that we the proprietors may be authorized by then to give the s<sup>d</sup> Gideon Hawley a good deed of said Lands & meadow as therein mentioned with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging and your petitioners as in duty bound will always pray

In prefence of  
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Reuben Eldred  
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May 31<sup>st</sup> 1779

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