

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in  
General Court Assembled at Boston in the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts June ye . 3. 1782

The Humble Petition of Joseph Aaron of Grafton in the County  
of Worcester Humbly sheweth that your Petitioner being an heir  
of one of the Indian proprietors formerly of Hafsanimifco now  
Grafton and that he has spent a great part of his time in the Warrs  
in Defence of this Country Especially in the Continental Service and  
that by Reason [ *torn* ] of Depreciation of Continental money and the expence  
of time in the Service he is reduced to low Circumstances being des=  
-titute of a Dwelling House for a shelter to Cover him self and Family  
and is Considerably in debt for Necessaries found his family while he was in  
the warr.

Your Petitioner therefor Prays that your Honors would take his  
Case under your wise consideration and Grant him Liberty to make  
Sale of about Nine acres of Land lying on the North and of his farm  
in said Grafton lying chiefly by it self and Divided from his other Land by  
a County Road except a Small piece of Land on the south side of said  
Road for a privilege of a spring of Water and that he may have the bene=  
fit of the Money to enable him <sup>to</sup> build him a House and to Discharge his present  
Debts: and to be under such Regulations and Instructions as your Hon<sup>s</sup>  
shall see meet as your Honors in your Great Wisdom shall think proper  
as your Humble Petitioner in duty bound shall ever pray --

Joseph Aaron

we the Subscribers believe the Facts  
Set fourth in the above petition are  
True:  
August ye 30th 1782

Edward Rawson	}	Trustees of the Grafton Indians
Willis Hall		

[verso:

Joseph Aaron's Petition  
To  
com. on sale Lands