

Commonwealth of Massachusetts --

To the Honourable, the Senate and House of  
Representatives in General Court assembled --  
the Petition of Joseph Aaron humbly Sheweth,

That, your Petitioner, one of the Indian natives of  
Grafton, in possession of forty seven Acres & three quarters  
of land in said Town of Grafton, which is mostly covered  
with small brush, the large wood being generally taken  
off, and but a very small part of it under improve-  
ment: --That he is also entitled to the annual  
Interest arising on three fourths of one seventh  
part of the Fund belonging to said Grafton Indians  
which is all the means your Petitioner has for  
the support of himself and wife; -- that his said  
wife has been confined the whole of the last season  
with a lameness in one of her feet nearly approach-  
ing to a mortification, which has incurred  
a bit of expence of more than sixty Dollars, for  
doctoring nursing &c, and she will probably never  
recover so as to be able, by her own labour to con-  
tribute any thing toward her future support

That your Petitioner has no Children, and being  
now sixty three years old, feels himself, through  
the infirmities of age, utterly unable to cultivate  
his land in such a manner as to yield a support  
for himself and wife.

Under these circumstances, your Petitioner is  
very desirous of disposing of his property aforesaid  
in such a manner as to secure for himself and wife  
a more comfortable support during the remainder  
of their lives -- and for this purpose, he, therefor,  
humbly prays this Honourable Court, would  
grant him liberty to convey his ~~said~~ land and  
right in said proprietary fund to one Silas Fay  
of Westborough -- In consideration of which, the

[verso:

the said Silas will, at his own expence, com-  
fortably support your Petitioner and his wife the  
residue of their lives, and is ready to enter into  
Bonds with sufficient Sureties, for the performance  
of the same, in such a way and manner as this  
Honourable Court shall direct

And as in duty bound shall ever pray

Joseph Aaron

The Subscribers, Trustees of the Grafton Indians,  
hereby certify that the facts Set forth in the  
foregoing Petition are true; and are of Opinion  
that it would greatly conduce to the comfort of  
the Petitioner and his wife, should the prayer  
thereof be granted --

Benj.<sup>a</sup> Heywood  
Isaac Harrington

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The Petition of  
Joseph Aaron one  
of the Grafton Indians

M.<sup>r</sup> Fay  
M.<sup>r</sup> Fisher W  
M.<sup>r</sup> Pope

to consider the memorial of  
the Trustees on Fortune Burney

M.<sup>r</sup> Bridgham  
M.<sup>r</sup> Smith

M.<sup>r</sup> Mitchell  
M.<sup>r</sup> Robinson  
M.<sup>r</sup> Eustis

June 4. 90

Resolve on the petition  
of Joseph Aaron a  
Grafton Indian em=  
powering the Trustees  
to sell the Land of the  
said Joseph with a  
proviso

Feb<sup>y</sup> 7. 1797

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