

To the Senate and House of Representatives, in
General Court Assembled.

The Memorial of the Subscribers of the
Town of Nantucket, Respectfully sheweth.

That some of your Memorialists have been
Witnesses, and others are fully convinced, from the Tes-
timony of Persons of undoubted veracity, that many Im-
positions and undue Advantages have been taken of a Clafs
of People which Man our Ships in the Whale Fishery.
viz. The Illiterate and ignorant Whites, the free Black-
Men and also the Native Indians, by various and unjusti-
fiable Measures which you will have more fully set forth
by our Friends and Neighbours of New-Bedford and its
Vicinity who have Addressed you on the like Occasion.

The subject appearing to us important, claiming the
Attention of the humane of every denomination, We are also
excited to Address you at this time; having long been impresed
with painful Sensations, in observing these Iniquitous prac-
tices, made use to accumulate Wealth: We therefore
esteem it our duty, and beg leave to call your Attention to
this oppressed Clafs of People, who are not able to support
their own Rights; and have no doubt you in your Wisdom
will adopt such Measures as shall Remedy the Evils
complained of.

Dated at Nantucket, this 22 day of Second Month
commonly called February A.D. 1798,

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Reuben Hufsey
Eben Barnard
Peter Barney
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Obed Macy
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Jethro Mitchell
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George Folger Jun.^r
Silv:^s Macy J^r
Paul Gardner J.^r

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Zenas Gardner
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Caleb Bunker
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Silvanus Rufsell
Nath.^l Chadwich
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