

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To the Honourable, the Senate, and House of Representatives, in general Court assembled, the Petition of Caesar Gimbee and Moses Gimbee humbly Shewth

That your Petitioners are entitled, to about seventeen acres of land in the Town of Grafton, by heirship in the rights of their mother who was an Indian Native of said Grafton

That as said land is not, of itself sufficient for a farm, your Petitioners conceive it will be most for their interest to make Sale of it. And altho they consider themselves as inheriting from their Father, who was not an Indian, all the rights of free Citizens among which that of disposing of their property is one; Yet doubts have arisen in the minds of some persons whether your Petitioners are competent to give a title of said land that will be valid in law, because the Legislature of this Commonwealth has, hitherto, exercised the right of Guardianship over the property of daid Indians: By reason of which doubts your Petitioners are apprehensive they cannot dispose of said land for its full value. They, therefore pray this Honourable Court, if it is still their determination to exercife the right of Guardianship over said property, in its present situation, would be pleased to authorise them, or some other persons on their behalf, to dispose of said land for their benefit, and to give a good and valid title to the same

And as in duty bound will ever pray
Caesar Gimbee
Moses Gimbee

Jan.y 19.th 1801

[verso:

This may certify that the circumstances fet forth in the foregoing Petition are true; and should the Honourable Court consider the Petitioners not, competent to dispose of the property therein mentioned, it is our opinion that it would be to their advantage that the prayer of their petition should be granted

Worcester Jan.y 19.th 1807

Benj.^a Heywood
Isaac Harrington

} Trustees of
the Grafton
Indians

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The Petition of
Ceasar & Moses
Gimbee

M^r Paine
M^r Hocum
M^r Jackson

M^r Stearns
M^r Williams

Report concurrence

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Resolve on the petition
of Caesar Gimbee &c
Authorizing the
Trustees
of the Grafton Indians
to make Sale of the
Land
mentioned

Jan^y 27. 1801

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