

To the Honorable the Senate & House of  
Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massa-  
chusetts in General Court afsembled  
Your Honors petitioners the few remaining  
Indians of Gayhead, request that you would  
take our rights into Your hands and appoint  
Guardians over us. We improve a great  
part of our Lands in common -- support our  
own poor & do all things as right as we can --  
and used to get along quite peaceably& well:  
but now there are so many Negroes & Mulattos  
got in among us, who are proud -- lazy, and do  
not do right ----- who hurt us very much, &  
we cannot help ourselves.  
We therefore pray your Honors to hear us, and  
to put in over us all, some good an down  
right honest Men to take care of our concerns  
for us, that we poor Indians may live a  
little longer  
--  
Gayhead May  
1811.

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| Sarah Howwos, <sup>we</sup> | Zachariah Howwoswee |
|                             | Simon Panue         |
| Margaret David              | Dorcas Panue        |
|                             | Jemimah Ponneg      |
|                             | Judith Pannit       |
|                             | Abigail Francis     |
|                             | Mary Howwoswe       |
|                             | Peter Tolmon        |

[verso:

In Senate 14<sup>th</sup> June 1811  
Read and Committed the Hon. Mefs<sup>s</sup>  
Folger and Stephens with such as the Hon House  
May join Sent down for Concurrence  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Dana Pres.<sup>t</sup>  
In the Houfe of Rep. 15 June 1811  
Read & Concurred  
M.<sup>r</sup> Weldon & M.<sup>r</sup> Fitch &  
M.<sup>r</sup> Farley (N) are joined  
Joseph Story Speaker

Petition of Gay Head  
Indians  
Mr. Wheldon  
Mr. Fitch  
Mr. Lovell  
Mr . Harley

Folger  
Stephens

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