

Edgartown May 22nd 1827.

To His Excellency the Governor, and to the Honorable
Council of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts.

We the undersigned, Indians and People of
Colour, residents in the County of Dukes County, understanding
that a Guardian is soon to be appointed for our People;
hereby humbly beg leave to request your Excellency
to appoint Daniel Fellows Jun^r Esq. of Edgartown
in said County as our Guardian, he being a Person, in
our opinion, suitably qualified for that Office, and
one who will protect the Rights and Interests of our people.
We would beg leave further to observe, that we highly
approve of the Bill reported in March last for the
regulation and government of the Indians and
people of colour in Dukes County, and sincerely
hope that it may become a law of the land –

And as in duty bound will ever pray –

his mark

Samuel Peters X

Elizabeth Johnson's x

Jane Saunder's x

Betsy Carter

James Sams

Sally Weq[^]Wepquishpaish

Lawrence Prince

Isaac Prince

Eliakim Jonas

Clarisa Jonas

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his

Abram Brown x mark

lucy Brown

Peter Belain

Sally Belain

his

Emanuel x Joseph

mark

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Dukes County
Indian Agent. App. for

Daniel fellows Jr Esq of Edgartown

be Guardian to the Chappequisix
Indians

John Hancock of Chilmark }
Thomas Fish of Falmouth } to be [*illegible*] for
Jeremiah Pease of Edgartown } deciding the bounds of the
Choppaquiddic Indians &c

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