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To the Hon. Senate & House of Representatives, in General Court assembled,

As we, the Undersigned, Proprietors & Inhabitants of the District of Marshpee, are informed, that request is made to you, by part of our people to alter the Parsonage, Meeting House, &c- We wish, respectfully to raise our voice against it, in your hearing. We believe it will do most good as it now is. Our Fathers, being as capable of discerning what is good as any of us, solemnly set this off for a good end!- The Committee of your Hon. Body, who looked into our affairs, and, as we thought, settled them, say of this Property, that, "the former Acts respecting it, would operate as a dedication of it, with which it would be inexpedient for the Legislature to interfere," and, we hope your Honours are still of the same mind. We know not what pretence our Opposites have set forth, but we assure your Honours, that if this property goes back to Commons, it will soon be over consumed, & a very few, will feel the benefit-or-if it is once divided, there will be no end to the like doings,- & we shall be left without a provision for Religious Means. We declare our Satisfaction with what our Fathers have done, and wish that our Teacher be left to the undisturbed use of his privileges. We are of the same mind with our Fathers. we have not changed as many have done, - & we beg this Hon. Court not to put us to the sorrow of seeing this sad change in our affairs, but that you will afford us firm support against the restless attempts of some, at home & abroad, who, we fear, are seeking their own selfish ends, and not the general good. This is our Petition.

Nathan Pocknet

-Isaac Simon Jr	}	& 2 of Their family-
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Prudence Wepquish		

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 X Marcy talor  
 X Lydia Squib  
 Charles Degrasf  
 Evlin Dgrasf  
 Elias Degrafs  
 x Olive William  
 Isaac Wickhams  
 Susa x Wickhams  
 Hannah x Gardner  
 x Basheba x Poknet-  
 x Betty x Smith

x Andrew Brown-  
x Sarah Brown  
x Nancy Brown  
Joseph Gardner juner  
Patince Gardner  
Ruth Gardner  
Job Squib  
x Peace Squib  
Peter Squib  
x- Abigail Moses  
x Sarah Thomson Moses  
x Roxana Thomson Moses.  
Simon L. Low

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Abner hicks  
Sarah hicks  
x Quam Hazard.  
x Bethiah Hazard.  
x Nancy Williams. 7 in her family-  
x Alfred Amy-  
x Emily Jackson.  
William Amos.  
Naomi Amos.  
x Deliverance Netumpumm.  
x Gideon Pocknet  
x Basheba Casco.  
x Sylvia Casco.  
x Hitty West.  
x John Odiorne.  
x Mercy Odiorne.-

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dians of Mashpee  
for the preservation  
of the  
Parsonage-  
Jan. 4- 1836-

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