

To the Honourable Senate and House of
Representatives in General Court assembled.

The petition of the undersigned proprietors of
land on the Island of Chappequiddic in the County of
Duke's County, respectfully represents, that the Division Line
Fence on said Island, which separates the Indian Land from
the Lands of the Proprietors, is much out of repair, and
often broken down by the cattle of the coloured people, thereby
causing much disturbance; that the said proprietors, of whom
there are thirty, have made and maintained said Division
Line fence, which is Eight hundred rods long, for many years,
and at a great Expense; - that said proprietors as a body
are poor and unable to support said fence; Wherefore Your
Petitioners pray that the burthen of supporting said Fence,
may be removed from said proprietors, and that the Com -
monwealth will make and maintain said Fence.

And, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Edgartown,
Nov. 17. 1844.

Francis Smith
Thomas Smith
Robert Norton
Marshal Clark

Joseph Dunham
Josiah Pease
William W. Huxford
Isaiah D, Pease
Henry Pease 2^d
William Brown
Valentine Pease
Samuel Huxford
Gamaliel Fisher
Benjamin C Smith
John Huxford
Cornelius Huxford
Thomas Huxford

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The petition of Joseph
Dunham and sixteen
others, respecting - the
division line fence
which, separates the Indian
lands from that of the
white proprietors, on
the Island of Chappaquidic
Praying that the said pro-
preitors may be relieved
from making & supporting

said fence, ---
H. of R. Jan. 14. 1845
To be Referred to the committee
on the judiciary
C.W. Storey Jr. Clk
Joseph Mayhew
of Edgartown

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