

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

The undersigned Proprietors & colored Inhabitants of the District of Marshpee in Massachusetts, humbly represent -- that their privileges of killing sea-fowl in the harbors, bays, ponds & rivers of Marshpee, and Falmouth, are much injured by the habit of many persons chasing said fowl in boats early in the season, before they become habituated to said bays & ponds for the winter, by which practice the fowl are driven from their haunts, & our privileges are almost broken up. But if people were prohibited from chasing them in boats, & only allowed to shoot them from stands on the beach where they fly over, the benefit to us would be much greater than it now is. Now we petition & pray that a law may be passed prohibiting all persons from chasing & killing sea-fowl in boats at any time of the year, in any of the bays, harbors, ponds or rivers of Marshpee, & in any part of Waquoit Bay (which is partly in Falmouth) and in all rivers which run into said Bay & in all ponds from which said rivers run. And we will ever humbly pray. Jan. 25. 1847.

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Petition of Oaks
A Coombs & others
Indians of Marshpee
For protection in their rights
of fowling-

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Committee of the
Judiciary

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