

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the General Court Assembled;

The Subscribers, decendants from the Hafsanamefsette tribe of Indians, formerly holding the lands included within the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, respectfully represent,

That in the year of our Lord sixteen hundred and twenty eight, their Ancesters, by leave of the Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay, sold to the English planters, the territory, now the town of Grafton for the consideration of two thousand and five hundred pounds lawful money; which sum by order of said Court, was confided to Trustees appointed by the Legislature to be held for the benefit of the Grantors and their decendants for ever. The said Tribe having parted with all their lands, and being placed under guardianship of persons appointed by the Government, relied on its protection and on the preservation of their property. But through the negligence and want of fidelity of some of the Trustees, over whom neither the original grantors nor their decendants could have any control, the whole trust fund has been diminished so as almost to be without value and to afford no income. Wherefore your petitioners pray that the amount of said fund may be made good to them by the Commonwealth, inasmuch as the money monies which originally belonged to them have been under the sole management

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of its Officers, and have been lost or wasted by them without any fault or misconduct of the petitioners or their ancestors. Or that such allowance may be made them as justice may seem to require, annually, for ten or more years to come, commencing at the expiration of the ten years in which the Commonwealth have paid to the petitioners the annual sum of fifty dollars through the hands of the Judge of Probate in and for said County of Worcester.

January 1849.

John Hecktor
Susannah Hecktor
Edward Hecktor
Richard Hecktor
Moses Hecktor
Frederick Hecktor
William Hector
Asa Hecktor
Susan Hecktor

Cornelia Hecktor

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Petition of
John hector
& others

of the Hassan-
amisett tribe
of Indians
that the fund
arrising from
the sale of their
land which
has been lost
by the failure
of the Trustee [^] or otherwise
may be [*crossout*]
made good
to them &c.

Remited by
Mr Bacon of
Worcester
H. of R. Feb: 17. 1849.

Referred to
the Committee
on Claims

Sent up for concurrence
Cha.^s W. Storey, Clk
Senate Feby 19 '49 Concurred
Cha.^s Calhoun Clk

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