To

His Excellency the Governor and Honorable
Council of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The petition of Zerviah Gould Mitchell
respectfully requests, that she is an Indian
woman of the tribe of Troy Indians, and the
descendant and sole representative of Benjamin
Sqwinaway, an Indian and that tribe; that she
is advised by counsel learned in the Law, and
believes that she has the legal or equitable fee
in certain Lands, at Indiantown, Fall River,
from which she is unjustly dispossessed, and
from which Benjamin Winslow, the Guardian
and agent of the Troy Indians have in years
past and for several years, and large quantities
of wood, which, as she is informed and believes,
he has in part appropriated to his own use, and
in part applied to the use and support of all
of the living Indians of said tribe to the mani-
fest injury and wrong of your petitioner. That
your petitioner applied for relief to the Honorable
Council in the year 1857, by whom after a most

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full and patient hearing, and laborious investiga-
tion, a report was made in her favor, but for rea-
sons not fully known to your petitioner, the
relief granted was never by her received. That
your petitioner made further application to the
Honorable Council of the year 1858, who, as your
petitioner respectfully submits, upon and imper-
fect understanding of her case, reported against
the prayer of her petition, and adversely to her
right in the premises. And your petitioner fur-
ther states that she has been treated with harsh-
ness and continually by the said Winslow, in
a manner most offensive to her feelings, with un-
kindness and injustice. Wherefore your petitioner
prays that your Honorable Body would investi-
gate her claims, would grant the her a hearing
before your honorable body, with an opportunity
to examine and inquire of the said Winslow
so to her rights and his current conduct towards her,
to adduce such testimony and agreements as
she may have in her behalf, and would enforce
her rights in the premises, and give her relief for
the wrong, loss, damage, and injury by her
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most unjustly sustained herein, and all other things in the premises, which appertain to right and justice would do as to your Honorable Body may seem meet. And your petitioner will ever pray.

Zerviah Gould Mitchell by
Thornton K. Lothrop her Atty

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Petition of Mrs. Mitchell, descendant of Squammug -- indian of Troy tribe -- for redress, --

asks hearing --

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Thornton K. Lathrop Esq' is counsel -- Mrs. Mitchell.

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