

To the Hon. the Senate and the House of Representatives  
of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, in General Court assembled.

Respectfully represents the undersigned, Priscilla  
~~Jackson~~, <sup>Freeman</sup> of the Deep Bottom tribe of Indians, in the town of  
Tisbury, in the County of Dukes County, that her mother  
Jemima Easton, the oldest remaining member of said  
tribe, is in need of assistance from the Commonwealth;  
she being stricken in years, sick, and unable to labor  
and to earn her own support as formerly, and to procure  
the necessary medical attendance.

Your petitioner further represents that, to the  
utmost of her ability, she has endeavored to aid her  
mother, personally ministering to her wants and necessities,  
and supplying her with every comfort and aid within  
her power to procure, and that she is still willing to do  
all she can. Her own family of young children, how-  
ever, tax her utmost diligence, and she needs for their  
comfortable subsistence all that her best exertions, com-  
bined with the closest economy, can procure. As she  
has always heretofore, so is she now willing to share the  
task of providing for her mother; the burden, however,  
is more than she can bear alone. She, therefore,  
asks that the Commonwealth, always kind and prov-  
ident towards the poor and needy natives, remnants  
of those once lords of the soil, will make provision  
for her mother's wants, and that a sum sufficient  
therefor be annually paid, so long as the said Jemima  
Easton shall live, to the overseers of the poor for the town  
of Tisbury, to be expended, under their direction, for  
her necessary wants. And as in duty bound your  
petitioner will ever pray.

Priscilla Freeman.

Tisbury, January 1862.  
Priscilla Freeman  
is Now Wife of  
Tristam Freeman

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The Petition of  
Priscilla Freeman  
of the Deep Bottom Indians.

For provision for support of  
her mother. Jemima Easton.

Presented by Edgar Marchant  
of Edgartown

Ho. of Rep. Jany 13, 1862.

Referred to the Com. on Claims.  
Sent up for concurrence

W.S. Robinfin  
Clk

W.S. Robinfin, Clerk  
Senate Jan. 14. '62

Concurred  
S. N. Gifford  
Clerk.

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