

To the Honorable the Senate and House
of Representatives of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, in General Court assembled:

The petition of John Hector respect
fully represents;

That he, the said John Hector is one
of the remaining members of the Hassana
misco Indians, the former proprietors of
the territory now constituting the town of
Grafton in Worcester County; that, when said
territory was sold to the original proprie
tors of said township, the authorities of
this state received the pay for the same,
and placed it in the hands of trustees,
appointed from time to time by the Gen
eral Court, to have the care and custody
thereof for the benefit of said Indians
and their descendants forever. That in the
course of time, through the unfaithfulness
or incompetency of trustees so appointed,
and without any fault on the part of
said Indians, the greater part of said
fund was wasted and wholly lost. That
the portion of said fund, which, if re

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covered would belong to your petitioner,
would make him and his whole family
not merely comfortable. but rich; where
as he is now, at the age of three score
and twelve years, miserably poor, and
so infirm as to be able to do but little for
his support.

He would further represent, that from
his portion of what was saved from the
wreck, made by the Agents of the Common
wealth, of his Indian property, he was en
abled to purchase a small lot in the City
of Worcester, where he now resides; which
lot is held for his benefit by Col. Charles
Brigham, the Trustee, appointed by the Com
monwealth for that purpose, and can be
alienated only by act of the Legislature.
On this lot, by his earnings in former days,
he was enabled to place a small house,
which house is still unfurnished, in part, but,
if furnished, would accommodate another
small family, and might be rented so
as to yield a sum, annually, toward his

support, much more than adequate to the outlay acquired for that purpose.

Your petitioner would, therefore, most respectfully pray that your honorable body

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would appropriate a sum, not less than two hundred dollars, to be expended in the repair and finishing of said house, under the direction of Col. Brigham the Trustee or such other person as you may designate for that purpose. ~~and your petitioner~~

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The Petition of John Hector
one of the remaining
Indians of the Hassanamisco
Tribe for ~~relief~~ an appropriation from the
State to be expended
by his Trustee

Senate April 1. 1864
Presented by
Streeland
of Worcester

Referred to the Com. on
Claims. Com. on Claims
Sent down for concurrence
S.N. Gifford Clerk.

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