To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Sssembled.

The undersigned, one of the Indian People of the Deep Bottom Tribe, situate in the southern part of the Town of Tisbury, on the Island of Marthas Vineyard, would most earnestly and humbly pray the Honorable Legislature to Award me an additional allowance for the support of my Mother, Jemima Easton, sufficient to make it <u>two dollars</u> <u>per week</u>.

I am a poor woman with a family of young children dependent upon my daily labor for support.

My Mother now occupies a room in my small house, where she is confined and helpless; she is a heavy person, aged and infirm.

In making my appeal, I take no account of house room or my own time and labor in attending upon her. but in the greately increased expenses of living I pray for the sum, specified above, as the least amount necessary to cover the actual necessities of life.

> Deep Bottom, Mass. Priscilla Freeman January 1865

I certify that the above statement of the petitioner, Priscilla Freeman, is substantially correct, and her claim entitled to full consideration.

Tisbury, Dukes Co. Mass.	Henry Bradley	Selectmen
January 1865	-	of the Town of
		Tisbury

[verso:

Petition of Pr<u>iscilla Freeman</u> Praying for the support of her Mother Jemima Easton Presented by Mr. Osborn of Edgartown H.R. Feb 2/65 Move to Refered to Committee on Claims. Sent up for Concurrence W.S. Robinfon Clk Senate Feb. 3. 1865. Concurred S. N. Gifford Clerk

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