

Excerpts from Acts & Resolves

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1720-1721

1st Session, at Boston, 13 July 1720

Chapter 11 Resolved, granting petition from Ann Taylour of Boston, widow, showing that she had been left a widow with five small children at Jamaica, unable to support herself & family there, she returns to Boston, her place of nativity and “brought with her two Negro Men & two Negro Women & their five young children, the eldest of them not being more than eight years old & two of them being at the Breast, That she keeps the Women to look after her Children, and that the Negroe Children will sell but for very little.” She’s learned that the law requires a duty of £4 a head, even for the children, “which if she had known, she would not have brought the Children with her.” Remission of the duty is granted. Passed: 16 July (9)

2nd Session, Boston, 2 November 1720

Chapter 56 Petition from Samuel Pattishall, showing that she came from Jamaica with his family, arriving in August, with 4 negro slaves” One Negro Man two Negro Women & a sucking Child as his Household Servants.” His intention is to settle “Eastward” and “is determined to settle with his Family upon his Estate, & will by no means sell or dispose of said Negro servants,” so he ask the duty of £4 a head be remitted. Order: petition granted with the duty of the “Sucking Child.” Passed Nov. 8 (28)

Chapter 66 Petition from Cpt. John Billing of Dorchester, repeating same information from previous petition relative to Thomas Oncunnaug. Sum of £6 granted. Passed: Nov. 11 (31-32) *War Wounds*

Chapter 82 Petition of John Barns of Boston, merchant, requesting remission of duty, showing Barns had consigned to him “from Antigua...a Negro Boy named Jocky about fifteen

years of Age, That in the Month of September, on the Back of Nantucket both the said Negro Boys Leggs were frozen, So that he lay along time, under Cure, And the Surgeon was obliged at last to cut off both his Feet above the Ankle, and the Petitioner was forc'd to sell him for Ten pounds, to a Taylour & paid Thirty-five pounds for his Cure," so he was asking for the remission. Granted. Passed Nov. 22 (39)

1720-1721

2nd Session: at Boston, 2 November 1720

Chapter 133 Petition from Meletiah Bourn Esq. of Sandwich, showing that Nathan Wicket & his wife "Indians" have "a small Island of Fifteen Acres of Land in Monument Bay adjacent to the County of Barnstable, which they are willing to sell in order to purchase other Lands on the Main that may be convenient for their Use." The petitioner's father's Shearjashub Bourne Esq. had a grant from the General Court in 1694, to purchase two small parcels from them and although the land he obtained is near this island, he did not purchase it from the Wickets. So, he requests permission to make the purchase. Granted with James Otis Esq., William Bassit & Eldad Tupper be appointed trustees for the sale "to take Care that the Money paid for the Lands be laid out for other Lands most accommodable for the Indians." Passed" Dec. 14 (60-61) *Land more convenient*

1720-1721

1st Session: at Boston, 15 March 1720

Chapter 148 Petition from Isaac Farewell of Sutton claiming that Suttons happens to be laid out in such a way as to abut on the southwest angle of Hassanamisco Lands and that there's "no accomodable place to Build on near the Country Road, unless he can purchase a Small tract of the Hassanamisco lands. He requests permission to purchase of £9 an eighteen acre parcel from the Indians. Granted, with John Chandler Esq. "to take care that Justice be done to the Indians." Passed: March 15 (66)

1721

1st Session: at Boston, 31 May 1721

Chapter 13 Petition of John Billing of Dorchester showing "that he has now under his care an old Indian named Tom's Onuncganock, who labours under Great Infirmities and the Loss of his Eye Sight, having continued blind for above Seven Years past, Whereby he is Utterly disabled from Supporting himself, That the petitioner (tho in no ways obliged to it) has taken care of the Said Indian for Several Years," requests support. Granted a payment of £6 from the public treasury for care of "Wocuncanug" in the past year. Passed: June 16 (86) *War Wounds*

Chapter 18 Petition from the inhabitants of Lancaster and Proprietors of lands purchase from George Tohano, "an Indian Sagamore," confirmed in 1713, saying the bounds

were not truly set, so they request a re-confirmation of altered bounds. Granted. Passed: June 17 (87-88)

1721-1722

3rd Session: at Boston, 22 March 1721

Chapter 73 Petition of Moses Smith, claiming that “the Indian Meeting House at Natick is very much decayed & out of Repair” and that the inhabitants had agreed to provide him with 40 acres for this work “Lying on the South west Side of Pagon Hill.” He asks for confirmation of the sale. Granted. Passed: March 6 (129)

1722-1723

1st Session: at Boston 13 May 1722

Chapter 1 Petition of Samasson (title of entry) or Samanson (text) or “Soucason” in footnote, “an Indian” of Mashpaug showing “he has been at Considerable Charge in the Law to defend his Title” to a certain tract and “he was finally Cast and is in Danger of being Imprisoned for his said Charge,” so he requests permission to sell “a Small Point of Piny Upland of about Six Acres, with the Same Quantity of Meadow, adjoining, belonging to, him, I order to Save himself from Imprisonment.” Petition is supported by John Otis & Peter Thatcher Esq., two of the “Justices for the Government of Indians’ in Barnstable County. Order: to sell with “advise & assistance” of Peter Thatcher Esq. and Samuel Sturgis, Esq. Passed: June 1 (159)

1722-1723

2nd Session; at Boston, 8 August 1722

Chapter 147 Release of “Sundry Indians...of late...taken up, & detained,” who have been determined to be “our Friend Indians”: Isaac Secont, Nawhatnet, Kautusuunk, Wawmanawho, Toomegus, Christian, Stowgaroo & Chawsaucoo, that “they with their Wives & Children have Liberty to depart,” with an Englishman to Albany, Westfield, or Deerfield “to prevent their being Mistaken for Enemies” and that their guns be restored to them and “that in token of our Friendship to them, a Blankett be Given to Each of them,” but William Paugus and Francois “Pennicook Indians” and their squaws and children be secured until a further order. Passed: Aug. 11 (211)

Chapter 153 Petition of Jacob Seeknout “Indian” “Sachem of Chebaauquedock” complaining of “Some Fraudulent and wrong dealings” of Benj. Haws Esq. his Agent and paring that Haws be obliged to give account of his trust and that some other persons be appointed. Order: Haws to be served with copy of petition, deferred to next session. Passed: Aug. 14 (212-213)

3rd Session: at Boston, 15 November 1722

Chapter 190 Petition of John Cooledge of Sherburne & Joseph, Ephraim, Andrew Ephraim & John Ephraim, brother of Simon Ephraim "Indian", late of Natick, showing "that the said Simon Ephraim had Erected a Frame of a Large House, on a Lot of Land, belonging to him, which Lot does not Lye Commodiously for any of his Brethren, & the Frame of the House will be of no Use to them," praying that Cooledge may purchase the land & frame "That So the Petitioners may have Something to lay out for Cattle, & other Things Necessary." Granted, provided land, etc. be appraised by Maj. Fulham, Hopestill Brown & Wm. Dudley. Passed: Nov. 26 (225)

Chapter 197 Petition of Hannah Squamaug & "others Indian proprietors" of Puncapaug, to convey lands to English neighbors, requesting a committee. Accompanying petition of Joseph Tucker and other English inhabitants of Puncapaug petitioning to purchase Indian lands at expiration of then current leases. Order: Samuel Sewall & Saml Thaxter Esq. be a committee to determine "what may be proper to be done." Passed: Nov. 30 (227)

Chapter 199 Petition of Thomas Sawn of Natick, explaining that with permission of Court, he did erect a "Corn Mill, for the benefit, of the Indian Inhabitants, on a Stream, belonging to them...Which Stream, is lately So Choked up, that the said Mill can be no further Serviceable, and there being a place on Charles River near the Meeting House...that Lyes Conveniently for a Mill & the Stopping the Waters, there not being likely to Hurt any mans property." So, he requests permission "to purchase of the Indians... the Priveledge of their Stream, & So much of their Common Land, as may be Convenient, for a Mill Yard, & the Spot for Erecting & Building a Saw Mill & Corn Mill upon, which will be for the Benefit of the Said place." Order: Spencer Phipps with Francis Fulham & Ebenezer Stone shall be a committee, to make a report if the petition can be granted "without Damnifying the, Property of particular persons, or obstructing the passage of Fish in the Said River." Passed: dec. 3 (228)

Chapter 201 Resolved that Melatiah Bourne Esq. & Simon Butler are empowered and directed jointly "to act & transact all Matters, & things relating to the Incomes & Profitts of the Island of Chebaquedock...for preventing of any abuse unto the Indians." They are to meet annually and every year, in the month of June, with accounts of all profits and rents "to the Said Jacob Seeknout & his people & lay before this Court" these accounts. Further, they are instructed to call to account the heirs, executors & administrators of the late Benjamin Haws "Attorney to the Said Sachem, for Rents Profitts & Incomes of the said" island "for the last Seven Years," which Haws had received and not paid nor accounted for. Passed: Dec. 4 (229)

Chapter 206 Petition of Thomas Drury of Framingham to purchase from Indians at Hassanamisco "a place in the said Plantation Called the Falls which is Convenient for a Mill, and a Tract of Land Thereabouts, for the Settling of himself of himself & his Family, which the said Indians are willing to sell to him for a Reasonable Consideration" A committee: Thos. Fitch, Spencer Phipps, Esq., Mr. Ward, Mr. Remington & Mr. Chandler, to make visit, view property and set price and report back. Passed: Dec, 7 (231)

Chapter 209 Remission of duty to Maj. Leonard Vassall “for Nine Negroes he has brought hither for the Service of his Family and not to make any merchandise of them”
Passed: Dec. 7 (232)

Chapter 228 Mr. Chandler, Mr. Ward & Mr. Remington to be a committee to visit Hassanamisco to “State the places, where the Bridges must be built, & lay out a Way to the Bridges, through the Province Lands & Lands belonging to the Indians,” and to report back.
Passed: Dec. 14 (328)

Chapter 264 Petition of Thomas Wabaun & others “a Committee for the Proprietors of Natick” requesting to give to Rev. Oliver Peabody a lot of 100 acres in land & meadow, “upon Settling among them in the Work of the Ministry” and he be made “A commoner or Proprietor...they Being Uncapable of Giving any Other Encouragem’t”
Order: petition granted, Peabody to have 20 acres for a houselot, “part of ye Sixty Acre Lot formerly intended for John Reesnummin ye Late Preacher at Natick“ upon Peabody’s settling “in ye Work or ye Gospel Ministry among the Aborigines” at Natick. He is also to have the remaining 40 acres of mentioned lot, plus 40 more acres of meadow & upland. provided he continue his ministry there “during the terms ye Term of His Nat’ Life.” He is to be made a proprietor in right of the 60 acre lot, provided it not exceed one fifth or one fifteen from note, part of the plantation. Passed: Jan. 2 (249)

1723-1724

1st Session: at Boston, 27 May 1723

Chapter 7 Petition & complaint from Indians of Nantucket, about “many injuries, & abuses practised, on them by the English inhabitants of that Island, by Impounding and taking away their Horses & Cattle, Hindering them from the Use of their own Land, & making them pay rent for that which they plant on” etc., requesting a hearing “That so they may prove the truth of the things they alledge.” Order: inhabitants of Sherburne on Nantucket receive copy of petition and hearing for next session. Passed: June 6 (289)

Chapter 22 Petition of Oliver Peabody from Natick explaining that he had been awarded 100 acres, composed of 20 acres part of a 60 acre plot for John Neesnummins & 40 other acres, all confirmed and granted, but “there is no Part of the sd Sixty Acre Lot, which was designed for the Sd Neesnummins, that is Convenient for an house Lot, it being at Considerable Distance from the Meeting House & Mills and ye Land So Wett, & Stony that it will be hardly possible to dig a Cellar there.” An exchange proposed: to take up a 20 acre lot “upon the Thirty Acre Lot, laid out to John Thomas, & now Given to the petitioner, where it Shall be found most Convenient, & accomodable for the End proposed.” Petition Granted. Passed: June 14 (296-97)

Chapter 29 In consideration of differences on leases between English and Indians at Punkapog, Paul Dudley & Saml Thaxter Esq. are to function as a committee, visiting the site to “Enquire into the Nature & Condition of the sd Leases, and that they may make report of the Quantity & Quality of the Land, possessed by Each person, & under what Conditions & regulations, It may be proper for this Court to Confirm the Respective Leases, Having Equal

Regard to the Indian Right, & ye English Improvements.” Order: Mr. Remington added to the committee. Passed: June 18 (299)

Chapter 40 On the Hassanamisco bridges, a committee of John Chandler, Benj. Whittamore & Wm. Ward visited the site, making certain that Elisha Johnson was to put in confirming to previous authorization of the General Court. They found the bridges in “Suitable & Convenient places, but will require Considerable Provision of Wharfing or Causeway to be made to ye for the Space of Six Rods each at least...,” all which Johnson is prepared to do “that they may be fit for Travellers, Teams & Drovers.” The committee has also laid a road through “the Indian Grant” for a 5 mile stretch “having first with the Assistance of Several of the Principall, Inhabitants of Oxford & Sutton, & Five of the Hassanamiscoe Indians.” Read & Accepted. Passed: June 20 (304-05)

Chapter 55 Petition from Natick inhabitants re Meeting House, suggesting proposed new location. Granted. Passed: June 24 (309-10)

2nd Session: at Boston, 7 August 1723

Chapter 149 Another Natick petition about more specific move. A committee set up. Passed: August 21 (339-40)

Chapter 153 Petition of Capt. John Welland, explaining that in consideration of the great losses & sufferings from the pirates and the charges of appearing as a witness against them in Rhode Island, he asks for remission of duty on a negro, imported from Jamaica. Granted. Passed: August 22 (341)

Chapter 195 Petition of Jonas Clark of Boston Brazier, requesting remission of duty of “a Negro Girl Imported from Jamaica...in Consideration of her lameness occasion’d by her falling down between Decks in the Passage, by which she is so disabled that he has little hopes of her being well again.” Granted. Passed: Sept. 5 (353)

Chapter 205 Petition of Thomas Wabaun Jr. & other of Natick “Descendants of the Indian Proprietors of a Tract of Land called Nashoba,” so sell their right of interest in the land. Order: committee of Rev. John Leverett & Spencer Phips Esq., trustees for the Indians be served, matter to come up again. Passed: Sept. 11 (356)

1724-1725

1st Session: at Boston, 1724

Chapter 15 A petition of “Sundry Indians Inhabiting the Island of Nantucket” complaining of “many grievous Impositions & Abuses they have Received from the English inhabitants...Praying for some Suitable Relief from this Court.” Order: Selectmen of the town of Sherburn on Nantucket to be served; and, in the meantime “two Justices of the Peace for the County of Dukes County Quorum Unus, to take affidavits of the Indians in Perpetuum, who through Age or Infirmity are unacceptable of Coming to this Court, & Transmit the Same into

the Secretarys office, the Adverse Party to be Notified of the Caption of the Indian Affidavits: any Law Usage or Custom to the Contrary Notwithstanding.” Passed: June 4 (438)

Chapter 27 Samuel Thaxter reports on Thomas Drury: that “the Natick Indians, Who met at Hassanamisco,” upon land Drury wants to purchase agreed on the price of £100 “with the Advantage that the Indians do & will receive by the Mill which the said Drury hath Erected thereon will be the full Value of the Land petition’d for.” And, “as to the Claims of the Natick Indians We Could not learn by all they had to say to us that ever they any Right there The weightiest argument, which they Used with us was that when Land was Sold at Natick the Hassanamisco Indians had Part of the Money. Therefore they ought to have Part of the Money the Hassanamisco Land is or may be sold for.” Order: Report be accepted.. The £100 to be placed in the hands of Frances Fullham Esq. “Upon Condition that the said Drury His Heirs or Assigns Maintain & Keep up the Mill he has Erected...in good repair & fit for Grinding for the space of twenty years.” The Indians “...to be Allow’d so much out of the Said Sum as he shall judge proper to Supply their present Necessities.” (442)

Chapter 30 Petition of James Watson et al to purchase the Hassanamisco lands. Order: William Dudley, John Chandler, Francis Fullham & John Wainwright to function as a committee, visiting site, etc. Passed: June 6 (442-443)

Chapter 88 Petition of Benjamin Wannoe on behalf of himself and “the Indians of Kitticut,” showing that their bounds of their “Plantation” have been set between their land, Taunton & Middleboro, but Bridgewater inhabitants disagree, so they ask for another committee to resolve these disputes. Order: Samuel Thaxter, John Quincy & Jacob Thompson to function as committee. Passed: June 19 (464)

2nd Session: at Boston 11 November 1724

Chapter 141 Petition of William Jeffrey of “Harwich Indians,” showing that in military service under the command of Cpt. Josiah Winslow, last May, when Winslow was killed, at St. Georges River, “he received a Shot in his Left hand, Which broke the bone of his Wrist, by Which Means he Uncapable at present of doing any thing with that Hand, & is likely to Continue lame for Some Considerable Time, And therefore Praying Some Allowance from this Court for the Support of himself & family.” Order: sum of £10 be paid out of the public treasury, to be put in the hands of John Mayo of Harwich for Jeffrey. Passed: Nov. 13 (481)

Chapter 174 Committee report back on the dispute between Tetticut & Bridgewater: visit to Tetticut River “Where the Indian Proprietors met us, And After Some Debate about the Quantity of Land which the Indians Claimed The Said Indians” & the people from Bridgewater reached an agreement. Apparently, there was a 700 acre dispute. Indians “Should have one hundred Acres of Land on that Spot where the Indians had improved from Time to Time.” The Bridgewater committee given permission to purchase the other 600 acres. Order: acceptance of report. Passed: Nov. 25 (492)

Chapter 184 Committee report on Nantucket Indians’ petition, committee “Reported that they Discoursed With the Agents of each party Concerned, & that there was some

Probability that the parties would Accommodate the Matters in Difference Among themselves, If further Time was Allowed: Whereupon the following Vote Passed on the Said Petition...“ that more time be granted for an agreement. Passed: Nov. 25 (496)

Chapter 193 Petition of Richard Davenport of Bridgewater showing that he and Benjamin Wannoe claiming that Wannoe has land “lying Commodiously for the Petitioner which the Said Wannoe hath Desired Liberty to sell for Payment of his Debts” Order: Wannoe to sell 40 acres of land; Cpt. Benjamin Warren of Plymouth & Lt. Samuel Leonard of Taunton be trustees “to dispose thereof to the highest Bidder, Giving Notice of the Time & Place of Sale by Posting up the same at the Meeting Houses in Bridgewater one Month before Hand, And the said Trustees are desired to take Care that the Produce of the said Land be applied for the Payment of the said Wonnoes just Debts & the Remainder to be employ’d so as shall be most to his Advantage.” Passed: Nov. 27 (499)

Chapter 244 Petition of Joseph Tucker, Timothy Jones, Joseph Morse & other English inhabitants at Puncapaug, showing “that they Have held the Lands they now Dwell on by Leases from the Indian Proprietors, Which the Indians are willing to Sell Absolutely to the Petitioners,” requesting permission to purchase these lands “for Such Valuable Consideration as was Reported by a Committee...or upon Such Other Terms as this Court Shall Judge Reasonable.” Order: Nath’l Byfield, Paul Dudley Esq., John Quincy & Jonathan Remington Esq., to be a committee, providing deeds & receiving money “ to be Applied for the Use of the Indians of Puncapaug in Such Manner as this Court Shall Order.” Passed: Dec. 4 (518)

Chapter 349 Petition of John Harris Mariner showing he has been ordered to appear at the next assizes at Plymouth as witness against “one Josiah Challenge an Indian of Marthas Vineyard for a Murther by him Committed on one Isaac Nequoit an Indian,” but that he’s on a voyage and can’t return, he asks to be discharged from appear or be allowed for his loss of time, etc. Resolved: the sum of £10 be allowed and paid out of the public treasury for him to appear. Passed: Dec. 18 (553)

1725-1726

1st Session: at Boston, 27 May 1725

Chapter 94 Petition of Joseph Meader in behalf of “Divers Indians of Nantucket,” showing that upon hearing the petition of several Nantucket Indians last session, matter was referred. But “in as Much as there is not yet an Agreement between the Partys nor any Probability thereof, Therefore praying that this Court would now take under Consideration the Matter of the Said Petition & give the Said Indians Such Relief as may to them Seem just & Reasonable.” Order: Meletiah Bourn, Dan’l Parker & Peter Thatcher Esq. to be Committee to Repair to Nantucket, interview Indians and make a report. Passed: June 17 (611)

Chapter 116 Resolve allowing £30 to encourage Indian volunteers from Bristol County, amount to be paid to Thomas Church Esq., 20 shillings for “every Able bodied effective Indian that will Voluntarily Enlist into His Majesties Service against the Indian enemy, the Money to be Paid to each Indian upon his Enlistment,” for 30 Indian soldiers. Passed: June 18 (620)

Chapter 178 Resolve allowing £26.7 to Cpt. Richard Bourn for his company. Passed:
June 23 (642)

2nd Session: Boston 3 November 1725

Chapter 199 Petition from William Pigg “alias Will Jeffrey an Indian” wounded
eastward praying an allowance “in Consideration of his being much disabled by his said Wounds
to do any thing for the Support of him self & Family.” Order: £5, out of the public treasury, to
Cpt. Edmund Freeman “to be supplied the Said William Jeffrey alias Pigg for ye Support of him
self & Family, as they may have Occasion & call for it.” Passed: Nov. 5 (650)

Chapter 204 Account submitted by Eleazer Tyng “of the charge of Keeping Christian
(the Maquas) & young Christians Squaw from June 9, 1725 to Nov. 5, 1725, amounting to
£10.10. Passed: Nov. 8 (651-652)

Chapter 250 Resolve allowing payment of Cpt. Richard Bourn’s command for service
in the east between 12 May 1725 and 20 July 1725. An instruction to pay officers and soldiers
on the rolls, but individuals doing disbursements, John Paine & Ezra Bourn “are
hereby...directed to pay none of the Wages due to any of the Indians, but such Indians to whom
the same is respectively due by said Roll who are carried out as Servants, unless the said Indians
are really and truly Servants of the persons, to whom they are carried out as such Any Law,
Usage or Custom to the Contrary Not withstanding.” Passed: Nov. 18 (666)

Chapter 251 Petition from Joseph Meader on behalf of the Nantucket Indians showing
that a committee was to go the island, as ordered, “the said Committee by Reason of Sickness &
other Obstructions were prevented from Attending the Affair, And therefore Praying that such
other Order may be taken for Redress of the said Grievances as to this Court may seem most
proper.” A new committee: John Otis, Meletiah Bourn, Daniel Parker & Joseph Lothrop Esq. to
visit the island, etc. Passed Nov. 19 (666)

Chapter 256 Petition from Samuel Barnabas Indian showing that he’d constricted a
debt with James Lovel of Barnstable and “that for the Discharge thereof he bound him self & his
wife to said Lovel for two years, & that he has suffered much Injury & Wrong for the said
Lovel.” praying that the Court “would find some Relief for under his Difficultys.” Order: Lovel
to be served a copy of the petition, directed to appear with accounts & papers and that John
Russel Esq., one of the sheriffs of Barnstable County send a copy of the Mittimus and a
declaration to Keeper of the jail. Passed: Nov. 22 (668)

Chapter 295 Petition of Isaac Barker of Pembroke, showing “that whereas David Job an
Indian lately a Soldier in the Service upon his Return Home lodged in a Barn at Pembroke upon
a Hay Mow & accidentally fell off & was exceedingly hurt thereby, of which Hurt he died,” the
petitioner provided doctors and other things “necessary to preserve his Life and after his Death
was at the Charge of his Burial,” requesting moneys from the public treasury. Order: wages due
to David Job in Cpt. Kennedy’s roll being £4. 8.7 be allowed and paid to Melatiah Bourn to be

paid by him “for the Use & Support of the said David Jobs Wife and Family as they may stand in Need thereof,” and that the sum of £4.8.7 be paid to Isaac Barker

Chapter 305 resolve paying 21 shillings to Cpt. Benjamin Stevens for :conveying an Indian (supposed to be a Deserter” to Boston. Passed: Dec. 1 (687)

Chapter 362 Petition of Joseph Peter & Bethia Peter his wife “Indians of Middleboro,” requesting to sell 20 acres at Ketticut “laid out to the said Bethia by Order of this Court” in 1724, being part of the lot of 100 acres belonging to the heirs of Charles Ahaz, Bethia’s father, “the Petitioners being fallen into Poverty & run much into Debt for their necessary Support.” Referred to the Justices of the Peace of Plymouth County, to determine whether sale proposed is necessary. Passed: Dec. 10 (705-06)

Chapter 368 Petition form English inhabitants at Puncapaug to purchase from “Amos Ahauton & others Indian Proprietors” of Puncapaug some “Five Hundred Acres of Land (Not including any of the Lands under the actual Improvem’t of the said Indians) being Part of Fifteen Hundred Acres which they have not conveyed away or leased out, but have a good Right thereto.” They ask that the sale be regulated by the General Court. Order: petition granted: Nathaneil Byfield, Paul Dudley, Jonathan Remington, John Quincy & Ebenezer Stone Esq. be the committee for the sale, directed “to see Justice done the Indians.” Passed: Dec. 10 (708)

Chapter 475 Resolve on petition of Ame Printer Jun’r requesting 32 shillings which was omitted from his wages in Cpt. Willard’s muster, mistakenly applied to the account of his father Ame Printer, who served in Cpt. White’s company while he was serving in Cpt. Willard’s. Granted. Passed: Jan. 17 (742)

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Resolves, Orders, Votes, etc., Passed 1753-1754

First Session: begun at Boston, May 30, 1753

Chapter 13 Accounts submitted by John Chandler & Edward Baker for Hassanamisco Indians, receipts & disbursements from June 1752 to May 1753. Passed: June 8, p. 12 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 45; House Journal 15,16,27]

Chapter 32 Ezekiel Cheever Esq. [Assistant], on behalf of a committee of both house gives a report relative to the Nantucket Indians: having met & heard the Indians, etc., recommends that Roland Cotton [Sandwich rep.], David Crocker [] & Zaccheus Mayhew Esq. [], be appointed to go to Nantucket, etc., reporting back. Passed: June 14, . 21 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 50,56; House Journal 25,43]

Second Session: begun at Boston, Sept. 5, 1753

Chapter 92 Petition of Daniel Job “an Indian...his many Services in the late Wars against the French & Indians, and that by Reason of Age & Blindness he is unable to provide for himself,” seeking relief. Order: some £3, out of the public treasury “for the time past,” and an annual allowance of forty shillings to be paid the guardians of the Indians in the west part of Barnstable County. Passed: Sept. 11, p. 42 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 89; House Journal 74,75]

Chapter 102 Petition of Katherine Sachemus of Tetticut “Indian, complaining of Encroachments made upon her Lands in the said Place, more especially with respect to Lands purchased by Nehemiah Washburn [] of one James Thomas,” praying that guardians be appointed to settle boundary disputes. Order: Tetticut guardians with Capt. Samuel White [Taunton rep.] ascertain the bounds. Passed: Sept. 12, p. 47 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 89; House Journal 80]

Chapter 130 Petition of John Simon “Indian Minister at Tetticut for himself and in behalf of the Society there under his Charge, setting forth the many Inconveniences attending the Liberty allowed Indians to sell their Lands they being often imposed upon by the English, and the Lands sold much under their Value, the Indians thereby led into an Idle & dissolute way of Living, & so reduced to Poverty, and many times the Lands sold by those who have no good Title to them, with many other Evils arising from this Liberty,” praying that “this Court would apply some effectual Method to prevent the Ruin which will otherwise fall on the Indians, by these Means.” Order: that the Tetticut guardians “Take Special Care that they approbate no petition from Stephen David or James Thomas...untill they Strictly Examine into the right which they may respectively have...inasmuch as it is Suggested to this Court, that the said Stephen & James have Sold Considerable Lands that they had no right to and are now applying...for their approbation for the Sale of more.” Passed: Sept. 14, p. 57 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 96; xviii, 306; House Journal 82, 89]

Third Session: begun at Boston Dec. 4, 1753

Chapter 138 Petition of Joseph Ephraim of Natick “Indian...his debts contracted by Means of Sickness, and Old Age...to sell Twenty five Acres...for the Discharge of his Debts, and for his better Support in his advanced Age.” Order: petition granted, with assistance of Natick guardians. Passed: Dec. 11, pp. 60-61 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 108; House Journal 110,111]

Chapter 139 Petition of Isaac Ephraim of Natick “Indian...the Debts he hath contracted...to sell Twenty five Acres...for the Payment of his said Debts.” Order: petition granted, with assistance Natick guardians. Passed: Dec. 11, p. 61 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 109; House Journal 110]

Chapter 164 [See photocopy: Natick meetinghouse controversy]

Chapter 168 Petition of Elisabeth Lawrence of Natick “Indian...to sell Twenty five Acres of her own Land, in Natick, for discharging the Debts contracted by her late Husband and her Sister Ann Brooks of Natick now deceased.” Order: petition granted, with the assistance of the guardians to produce at least £16-08-00. Passed: Dec. 18, p.75 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 120; House Journal 129]

Chapter 241 [See photocopy on Punkapoag petitions]

Chapter 256 “This day being appointed for the Elections of Guardians for the Several Tribes or Plantations of Indians with this Province (Punkapogg Excepted), Pursuant to Law The following Persons were duly elected to the said Trust by a major Vote of the Council and House of Representatives viz.: [See photocopy ‘Legislative List for 1753-54,’ Legislative Records of the Council xx, 158; House Journal 167,168,169]

For Indians Located At:

Natick
Dudley
East of Barnstable
Marshpee
Teticut
Martha’s Vineyard
Nantucket
Dartmouth

Guardians Appointed

Joseph Richards Esq.; Jos. Buckminster Esq.; John Jones Esq.
John Chandler Esq., Capt., Moses Marcy, Mr. Joshua Healy
John Freeman Esq.; Jos. Freeman Esq. ; Mr. Joseph Hall
Sylvanus Bourn Esq.; David Crocker Esq.; James Otis Esq.
Gamaliel Bradford Esq.; Josiah Edson Jr., Esq.; Capt. Nathaniel Smith
Pain Mayhew Esq.; John Sumner Esq.; Mr. Benjamin Manter
Mr. Abishia Folger; Jonathan Coffin Esq.; Mr. Richard Coffin
Mr. Ambrose Barnaby; John Winslow Esq.; Mr. Abiel Terrey

Chapter 268 Petition of Ceaser Ferret of Natick “Indian Planter...that by Disappointments in his Business he is brought into Debt... to sell twenty Acres of his Land in Natick, for the Payment of his Debts, & for building him a Convenient Dwelling House with the Remainder.” Order: petition granted, with assistance Natick guardians. Passed: Jan. 23, p. 116 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 179; House Journal 198]

Chapter 278 [See photocopy: on Punkapoag petitions]]

Chapter 306 Petition of Stephen David of Tetticut “Indian...to sell a Tract of Land in said Place belonging to him, consisting of about Forty one Acres for Payment of his Debts contracted by Sickness.” Order: petition granted, with assistance of Tetticut guardians. Passed: April 2, p. 132[Legislative Records of the Council xx, 202; House Journal 217,220]

Chapter 318 Petition of Stephen David of Tetticut “Indian...that in the Year 1741, by Leave from this Court he sold a Quantity of Land” to Elkanah Leonard Esq. [], that “by a Mistake in drawing the Deed there was more Land than was intended,” for which he has been

paid, so confirmation of deed is sought. Order: petition granted., with assistance guardians. Passed: April 5, p. 136 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 206; House Journal 216,227]

Chapter 319 Petition of Hannah Robbins of Tetticut “Indian ...that she has been put to great Expence by Means of the King’s-evil & other Distempers which have followed her for many Years, and She had contracted considerable Debts thereby,” to sell “the whole of her Lands in Middleborough, or so much thereof as will discharge her Debts.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: April 5, p.137 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 206; House Journal 223,226]

Chapter 333 Petition of Samuel Morse guardian of “Sarah Waban a Minor of Natick Indian...to sell the Lands that were her Mothers now deceased lying in Natick to reimburse the Petitioner the Charge he has been at for the Support & Education of the said Minor from her early Infancy.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: April 10, p. 142 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 214; House Journal 235]

Chapter 334 Petition of Elizabeth Rumneymarsh of Natick “Indian Woman...to make Sale of twelve Acres of her Land ...for paying the Debts which she has contracted by Sickness.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: April 10, p.142 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 214; House Journal 235]

Chapter 336 Petition of John Ephraim of Natick “Indian...to sell twenty Acres of his Land there, to discharge his Debts contracted by his building a dwelling House & Barn, purchasing Stock etc.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: April 10, p. 143[Legislative Records of the Council xx 215; House Journal 235]

Chapter 341 Petition of Job Ahauton of Middleborough “Indian, Complaining of Stephen David of Tetticut Indian, & others, for giving him strong Liquor so as to intoxicate him, and then drawing him in to execute a Deed for Conveying away his lands it Teticut for a trifling Consideration, with other Abuses,” seeking relief. Order: petitioner to serve Stephen David who is to show cause second Friday, of next session. Passed: April 11, p.145 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 217; House Journal 212,236]

Chapter 347 Petition of Hopestill Bent administrator of the estate of Nathaniel Coochuck “late of Natick, Indian Planter deceased showing that his whole Estate Real & Personal, is not more than sufficient to pay his Debts,” so he seeks permission to sell the real estate. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians, anything left over to go to the heirs. Passed: April 13, p. 148 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 215; House Journal 237,238]

Chapter 350 Petition of Joshua Brand of “Natick, Indian...that at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas for the County of Plymouth in an Action, commenced against him by Isaac Little Esq. Judgment was given against him by Default by Reason of his being hindered of attending the Court in Season,” praying to be allowed to make an appeal and that the execution be stayed. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians, execution, etc., to be delayed until trial Passed: April 13, pp. 149-150 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 174, 219; House Journal 129,187]

Chapter 354 Petition of Benjamin Tucker, Plymouth County coroner, for payment for an inquest on the body of “one Betty David of Tetticut an Indian Woman supposed to have been murdered.” Order: petition to be granted, guardians to make payment out of proceeds of sale of Stephen David’s land in the amount of £8.2d. Passed: April 16, p.151 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 222; House Journal 143,161]

Chapter 359 Petition of James Thomas of Tetticut “Indian...to sell Lands there, belonging to him, for the Payment of Debts he has contracted by the Maintenance of his Aged Parents, and by Means of Sickness, in his Family.” Accompanied by a second petition, from Stephen David of Tetticut “Indian...to sell Land belonging to him in Tetticut for the Payment of his Debts, occasioned by his long Imprisonment, Sickness, etc.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians, excepting portions set off by the guardians “To be kept and reserved for the use & improvement” of both men and “their heirs & such other of the Descendants of the said Titticut Indians as shall have occasion to Dwell or reside there, with pieces of Land so sett off & reserved as foresaid shall not be sold or alienated for Ever but be kept for the use aforesaid” etc. Passed: April 18, p. 153 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 225; House Journal 246,249]

Chapter 360 “Whereas sundry Articles in the Account exhibited by the Guardians of the Martha’s Vineyard Indians, appear very extraordinary, and no vouchers to support any part of the Account, Ordered that the said Guardians be directed to appear before the Court on the second Tuesday of the next May Session; and that the further Consideration of said Account be referred to said Time.” Passed: April 18, p. 154[Legislative Records of the Council xx 226; House Journal 251]

Resolves, Orders, Votes, etc., Passed 1754-1755

First Session: begun at Boston, May 29, 1754

Chapter 7 Accounts presented by John Chandler [], John Jones [] & Edward Baker [], on behalf of the Hassanamisco Indians of receipts, etc., from the previous years, some £2.2s.1¾d, due them. Accepted and passed: June 1, p. 172 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 245; House Journal 10,11]

Chapter 41 Whereas James Thomas Tetticut “Indian” responded to Katherine Sachemus’s petition, which was dismissed, he requests confirmation of deed to the heirs of Nehemiah Washburn, the land having been sold by James’s father. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: June 14, p.185 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 215, 263; House Journal 234,250]

Chapter 71 Petition of Jacob Chalcom of Natick “Indian...to sell some small Parcels of Land, he owns...for Payment of Debts, purchasing things necessary for his Husbandry Affairs, etc.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians, acreage not specified, reading “to exchange the remaining part of his Small pieces of remote land for such other lands as may be Neerer & Better Accomodate his Homestead.” Passed: Oct. 25, p.195 [Legislative Records of the Council 286; House Journal 35,40,41,60,61,65,66]

Chapter 86 Petition of Joshua Brand of Natick “Indian...against one Nathaniel Bullard of Worcester, his obtaining a Judgement against him by Default, at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas for the County of Worcester held in August, although the Petitioner was never legally summoned,” praying that it be declared Null & Void, or that the petitioner be otherwise relieved. Order: Nathaniel Bullard to be served, matter referred to first Tuesday of next sitting, execution to be stayed. etc. Passed: Oct. 31, pp. 200-210 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 294; House Journal 78]

Chapter 127 Petition of Samuel Morse guardian of “an Indian Child, belonging to Natick, named Sarah Wabon, shewing that he has been already put to considerable Charge for her Support, & likely to be at more,” praying that he be empowered to “sell so much of the said Child’s Land in Natick, as will defray the Charge of her Support.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: Nov. 14, pp. 218-219 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 316; House Journal 109]

Chapter 133 *[See photocopy: Punkapoag report]*

Chapter 171 The Two Houses elected John Quincy Esq. [former Speaker, etc.], Robert Spur Esq. [Dorchester rep.] and Mr. Samuel Niles [Braintree rep], guardians of the Punkapoag Indians. Passed: Dec. 17, p.238 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 346; House Journal 147,148]

Second Session: begun at Boston Feb. 5, 1755

Chapter 300 Petition of Grafton selectmen showing that they have applied to the Hassanamisco trustees “for Payment of the Charge of the Sickness and Burial of Sarah Burne, of the Indians,” but the trustees decline to do anything without permission of the General Court, praying they be instructed to make payment. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians, in the amount of £12.10s out of the interest money belonging to the heirs of Sarah Burne. Passed: Feb. 21, p.286 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 412; House Journal 245]

Chapter 302 Vote substituting Mr. Joseph Billings [] for John Quincy Esq. [] as Punkapog trustees, Quincy declining. Passed: Feb. 21, p.287 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 413; House Journal 249, 251]

Third Session: begun March 25, 1755

Chapter 354 Petition of Samuel Lawrence and Elizabeth his wife [identified in heading as “Indians” to sell land at town, not specified: Grafton? Natick?], who claim “grate Charges they have been put to by Reason of Sickness in their Family,” for which they need to sell 30 acres. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians, [where not given?] Passed: April 24, p.308 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 439; House Journal 197]

Resolves, Orders, Votes, etc., Passed 1754-1755

First Session: begun at Boston May 28, 1755

Chapter 2 Accounts accepted from Hassanamisco Trustees for the previous year; some 10s11³/₄d an outstanding balance. Passed: May 30, p.327 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 455; House Journal 9]

Chapter 17 Petition of Job Ahauton of Middleborough “Indian...to sell his Land in Tetticut, (he having other Lands sufficient for his Improvement), the Produce thereof to be employed for the payment of his just Debts, Support of his Aged Grand Mother & Family & his own comfortable Subsistence.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians, [acreage not given]. Passed: June 6, p. 332 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 463; House Journal 26,30]

Chapter 20 Confusions about payment of some £24 to Nelson Finney (ante 182, p.241), with appointment of new Punkapoag guardians, current guardians to make payment. Passed: June 6, p.333 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 464; House Journal 25]

Chapter 23 Petition of Jeffrey Henry and Mary Henry his wife of Providence “Indians...that they several Rights of Land in Natick...that they are now grown old & unable to support themselves by Labour...to sell so much of said Land” determined necessary by the guardians. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. [acreage not specified]. Passed: June 7, p. 334 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 465; House Journal 26,37]

Chapter 24 Petition of Joseph Ephraim of Natick “Indian...being greatly advance’d in Years and unable to Labour, he has been necessitated to contract considerable Debts, especially on his children Account...to sell of his unimproved Lands for the Payment of said Debts & for his future Support.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians, to “make Sale of so much of his said unimproved Lands as will enable him to discharge the just Debts of his said deceased children.” Passed: June 7, p. 335 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 465; House Journal 27,36]

Chapter 25 Petition of Ceaser Ferrit of Natick “Indian...to sell Thirty Acres of his Land for Payment of his Debts contracted by Sickness, and for building a dwelling House & other Uses.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: June 7, p. 335 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 466; House Journal 26,37]

Chapter 30 Petition of Daniel Thomas of Natick “Indian...to sell some small Parcels of Out-lands in Natick, the Produce of the same to be laid out for payment of his Debts, contracted by Means of Sickness, and for purchasing other Lands adjoining to his Homestead.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. [no acreage] Payment to be used for “just debts accruing by reason of his Wife’s and Children’s Sickness & Nursing.” Passed: June 7, p.337 [Legislative Records of the Council xx, 468; House Journal 27,36]

Chapter 36 Petition of “divers Indians of Marshpee” citing the “Serviceableness” of Ebenezer Thomas of their village for permission to sell him 4 acres. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: June 9, p.340 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 469; House Journal 40,47]

Chapter 64 Memorial of Payne Mayhew [], William Hunt [] & John Sumner [], Martha’s Vineyard guardians, submitting accounts, including:

For an Over charge on their Time	£113.5.0
the Commissioners at 2.5 p Ct	53.2.6
Coming to General Court to answer Indians complaint	22.10.0
For a Vendue Master	20.0.0
For an Omission of Credit to ye Indians in 1748 accounts	2.0.0
Totals [not in original grid p. 353]	£210.17.6

This is the amount deducted from the Indians’ funds, leaving a balance of £24.183 owed them. Passed: June 16, pp. 353-354 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 485; House Journal 40,81]

Chapter 65 Petition of Benjamin Tray of Natick “Indian...to sell Twenty five Acres of his unimproved Land for the payment of his Debts by the Maintenance of his Aged Parents, and also for enabling him to repair his dwelling House gone to Decay by Means of his Absence in the War.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: June 16, p. 354 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 485; House Journal 84]

Chapter 69 Voted that Andrew Oliver Esq. [] and others appointed by House [but not given here, appointed previous October] be a committee to inquire into complaints of Nantucket Indians. Mr. Speaker [Thomas Hubbard House Speaker] added. Passed: June 17, p.357 [Legislative Records of the Council xx 489, 272; House Journal pp.52,58]

Fourth Session: begun Dec. 11, 1755

Chapter 228 Petition of Patience Thomas and Caleb Brand “Indians of Pembroke...that a Lease made by their Guardians of their Lands to Henry Joslyn and others...may be set aside.” For consideration in future. Passed: Dec. 26, p.419-420 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi 47; House Journal 282]

Chapter 231 Petition of Joseph Comeheca [Commecho] of Natick “Indian...that he has met with divers Misfortunes, by which Means & his Charge in building a House & digging a Well he is put into Prison for Debt,” praying to sell 30 acres. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians, to “discharge of his said Debts, & to purchase a Cow for the support of his family.” Passed: Dec. 26, p. 421 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi,48; House Journal 256,258]

Chapter 232 Petition of Joshua Brand of Needham, “Indian...that he has purchased some Lands in Bridgewater, which belonged to his Father & Brother now deceased,” and had given a bond, requesting to sell 16 acres “of his unimproved Lands in Natick,” for discharging debts and paying expenses of his suit with Nathaniel Bullard, etc. Order: petition granted, with

assistance guardians. Passed: Dec. 30 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi,49; House Journal 255,256,258,259]

Chapter 236 Petition of Prince Vitto “Negro Man, late Servant to the late Revd. Mr. Oliver Peabody deceased,” showing that “Job Comicha” of Natick, Indian, having been charged “with the Maintenance of a Bastard Child, his Aunt Mary Ephraim having Estate & no Children prevailed upon the Petitioner (who had saved some Money by his Labour) to purchase five acres of Land of her, that with the Produce thereof she might free her said Nephew from Imprisonment.” Vitto paid her some £16.13s.4d and took a deed and “now the said Indians would defeat him of any Benefit of the said Purchase.” He asking that his deed be confirmed. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: dec. 20, pp. 423-424 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi,51; House Journal 240,266]

Chapter 308 Two House elected new guardians of Martha’s Vineyard Indians: Mr. Sylvanus Allen [], Deacon Timothy Mayhew [] and Dr. Thomas Mayhew [], with signature of the Governor. Passed: Feb. 25, p. 451 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi, 105; House Journal 350,365,367,368]

Chapter 460 Petition of Nelson Finney showing that he had been awarded some £24 18s8d for expenses of “the sickness of Mathias George an Indian” of the Punkapoag Tribe, but not yet received payment. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians, Finney to be paid, plus some 32 s in interest from time due. Passed: April 17, p. 514 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi, 170; House Journal 456,466,478]

Resolves, Orders, Votes, etc., Passed 1756-1757

First Session: begun at Boston May 26, 1756

Chapter 10 Acceptance of accounts from Hassanamisco trustees John Chandler, John Jones, & Edward Baker, receipts from the pervious year, a balance of 18sh 1d. Passed: May 29, p. 532 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi,189; House Journal 12,17]

Chapter 47 Accounts from Robert Spur Esq., Mr. Samuel Niles Jr. & Joseph Billings, Punkapoag guardians, approximately £25 the balance. Passed: June 9, p. 548 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi. 210; House Journal 45,54]

Chapter 48 Memorial of Samuel Morse guardian of “Sarah Wabon of Natick a poor decrepit Indian Minor...the necessity of disposing of some of her Lands for her Support...to sell so much of her Lands, given her by her Grand Mother & Mother as will be sufficient to pay the Debts owing & for her future Maintenance.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. “To make Sale of So much of the Said Minors Interist in Land where it can be Spared with Least Prejudice to the whole: of her Estate,” to raise some £27. Passed: June 9, pp. 548-549 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi, 210; House Journal 197]

Chapter 65 Petition of Joseph and Zipporah Poignet of Natick :Indians...by Reason of the Wounds received by the said Joseph while in Majesty's Service & the Expence occasioned thereby he is involved in Debt and unable to support his Family," seeking permission to sell a lot of 7 acres "of remote Land, for their Support." Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: June 10, p.555 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi, 215; House Journal 50.56]

Third Session: begun at Boston August 11, 1756

Chapter 103 Petition of Philip Wheeler of Rehoboth that "an Indian Servant of his named Peleg Church" served under Capt. James Andrews in the Crown Point expedition, etc. and died in service and "in neither of the Rolls of the said Captains is he made as a Servant," praying his name be added to the rolls enabling Wheeler to receive his wages. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: August 17, p. 571 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi, 239; House Journal 111,114,115]

Chapter 125 Re: Mattakeset affair from April and December 1755; an order that the Petition of Peter Job et al be dismissed and petition of Patience Thomas et al be granted. Passed: August 26, p. 581 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi 255; House Journal 282, 258,262(1755)]

Chapter 183 Petition of Samuel Poignet of Natick "Indian...to sell thirteen Acres & three quarters of his Land...for payment of his Debts, and for the Charge of fencing his Land" etc. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: Oct. 12, p.605 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi 289; House Journal 185,186,193]

Chapter 184 Petition of Joshua Brand of Needham "Indian...to sell eight Acres of his Land lying at Natick, for discharging a Judgement of the Court recovered against by Nathaniel Ballard" and to complete payment for a tract of land at Bridgewater. Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: Oct. 12, p. 605 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi, 290; House Journal 185,186,193]

Chapter 197 Petition of Sarah or Mary [disagreement House Journal & AR] Pegan of Natick "Indian...she has been necessitated to contract Debts for her own & her sick Child's support... to sell some part of her Lands." Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: Oct. 14, p. 610 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi, 294; House Journal 197,198,199]

Chapter 215 Memorial Robert Spur and other Punkapaog guardians: on complaints about "the great Danger there is of their English neighbours encroaching & trespassing upon their Lands," requesting that Indian land and land of abutters be re-surveyed. Passed: Oct. 20, p. 615 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi 300; House Journal 209]

Fifth Session: begun at Boston Jan. 6, 1757

Chapter 311 Petition of Thomas Awonsamog of Natick "Indian Planter...to make sale of twenty acres of his Land in said Town, to enable him to discharge his debts contracted in time

of Sickness & for his more comfortable Support for the future under his infirmities contracted by means of the hardships he has undergone in his Majestys Service for many years past & which have rendered him unable to labour.” Order: petition granted, with assistance guardians. Passed: Feb. 1, 655 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi, 379; House Journal 253,254]

Chapter 312 Petition of Eunice Brooks of Natick “Indian Woman...that she may have liberty to sell twelve Acres of her Land” in Natick “to enable her to build a house upon her Lot in the said place & to enable her to defrey some charges arisen by reason of sickness.” Passed: Feb. 1, p.656 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi, 380; House Journal 248,298]

Chapter 523 Accounts of guardians of Indians at Plymouth County, especially with regard to the sale of tract of 170 acres at Mattakesit, belonging to Patience Thomas, Abigail Quason & Caleb Brand, sold for £184.2s.9d. Accepted. Passed: April 16, p.738 [Legislative Records of the Council xxi 514; House Journal 258,262 (April 1755) 101, 102,429]