

To His Excell^{cy}, Jonathan Belcher Esq^r, Capt, Gen^l, & Gov^{ner} in Chief in and over His Maj^{ts}, Prov^{nc}, of the Massachusetts Bay &c, to the Hon,^{ble} the Council, and the Hon,^{ble} House of Representatives in Gen^l, Court Assembled this 29th, day of Nov^{br}, 1738.

The Memorial of John Stoddard of N,th Hampton in the County of Ham,^{shr}
Sheweth

That there is an Indian who dwells at a place called Shootuck a few miles below Albany, who saith he was Originally of Quabaug or Brookfield in s,^d County and is now of the Tribe of Housatonnock Indians (whose name your Memorialist Can't at present Recall to mind) s,^d Indian hath divers times waited on your Memorialist with his Claim to a Considerable Tract of land in the County of Hams^{hr} which descended to him from his Ancestors and particularly last fall after he had Reviewed his Boundaries returned to your Memorialist and desired him to Represent to your Excell^{cy} and Honours that he found many People settled on his Lands which have never been sold. that he is willing to part with his lands and Presumes that the Government do not desire to take them away without making him some allowance therefor. the lands be between Swift River and Ware River and do Include a Considerable part of Lambs Town, and the whole of the Equivalent land belonging to John Read Esq^r, which land has been disposed of by this Government to the government of Connect,^{ct} as an Equivalent agreed upon running the divisional Line between the two Governments. Your Memorialist apprehends that there can be no Pretensions that those lands were ever purchased and that it not be difficult (on a proper Enquiry) to know whither s,^d Indian is the rightful Owner. but whither it be reasonable that this Government should make the Owner some small Allowance since those lands were disposed of to Connect,^{ct} for a valuable Consideration is Submitted to your Excell^{cy} and Hon,^{rs} by your Memorialist,
who as in duty Bound will ever Pray

In Council Janu.^a 15. 1738

Read and sent down

John Stoddard

In the Houfe of Rep.^{tives} January 15th: 1738

Read and.

ordered that the Memoriall be Referred to ye next may

Sefsion That the Memorialist may then give further Light to this

Court concerning ye premifses and that he [^]may have opportunity to deduce ye facts to a greater

Certainty Sent up for Concurrence

In Council Jan.^{ry} 16,, 1738.

Consented to, J Belcher

J Quincy Sp.^{kr}

Read and Concurr'd

Simon Frost Dep^y Sec^{ry}