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Whereas Some Persons have done great damage to Me in my Corn Fields, commonly called Mohegan Fields in New London, by Spoiling my Grass, mowing It, making It into Hay, and carrying the Hay away.

I have therfore thought fit by us with ye Consent of my Council, to appoint, & do appoint, by these Presents, My Good Friend James Harris of sd New London, who now lives in the said Fields, my True and lawfull Attorney, With full Power for and in my Name or Stead, to act and do, all that I my Self lawfully might, for the preventing of Such Damages, and for Securing to my Use and Benefit all Such Grass or Hay, which Shall be so mowed, or made in the sd Fields, without or against my Consent, obtained with the Knowledge and Approbation of my Feoffees in Trust, As also to prosecute in my Name at any Court, Such as Shall So Trespasses upon Me, and recover damages of them in my behalf, and in any other Matter relating to the Premises to do and Act as I my Self might. Hereby obliging my Self, & My Heirs, to warrant and abide by, Whatsoever They Sd Harris shall lawfully do by Virtue of these Presents. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set
My hand and Seal in New London, this 25th Day of
July. 1716. In ye 2d Year of his Majesties Reign.

The Words [by burning or pulling down or destroying the Fence] between ye 2d & 3d Lines, were interlined before Signing & Sealing as also the Words [Cesar Sachem of Mohegan aforesd] between ye 4th & 5th Lines.

The Witnesses to signing Sealing and delivery

Mark of Cefar
Thomas Avery
Sachem of Mohegan
Samuel Ward
The
Mark of Ben Uncas.

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New London July. ye 25th. 1716. Capt Thomas Avery one of the within Subcribing Witnesses, being first Sworn before me thereunto, did interpret, (as He declared to Me on ye said Oath) the Within written Letter of Attourney, to the Within named Cefar, & Ben Uncas, Uncle & Chief Counfeller of the sd Cefar Sachem, and one of the Subcribing Witnesses, Sentence by Senten[hole], and made them fully and clearly to understand the true Intent and Meaning of the Same, before ye sd Cesars Signing or Sealing & Delivery, & before ye sd Ben Uncas Signing as a Witness, both which They also Did before Me. And the sd Capt Avery, A good Interpreter of the Indian Language and often improved as Such, did declare to Me upon Oath as aforesaid; That having by my Direction & in my Presence put the Question to Cefar, Whether He was put upon making the within Lettr of Attorney by threatening, fear or any Sort of force, or whether It was his free Act, and made the sd Cefar understand the meaning of the sd Question; The sd Cefar replied thereunto; That No fear or force had conclus'nd him, but That He had freely and willingly made, Signed, Sealed & delivered the Same

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
Set my Hand, the Date above written.

G Saltonstall Gov'r.

The within Letter of Attorny, with the above written
Were Recorded in the Second Book of Records for the County of New London on fol: 146. this 29th day of July 1716.

p't George Denifon County Cler.

[Verso:
James Harris his Letter of
Attorney
from Cealer
Recorded --