To The Honrble Generall Asembly now Sitting

the Second Thursday in May Ano. Dom: 1728

The Memorialis of the poor distrefed Nihantick Indians within
The County of New London Humbly Sheweth, that whereas There is about Three hundred Acres of Land att sd Nihantick which is Sett out and belongs to the sd Nihantick Indians for there planting & Improving and When there Crops are Taken off that the proprietors of the Neck in black point Shall have the herbage thereof, which the sd Indians will and from Time to Time have been willing too, but Instead of the sd Englifi there haveing the herbage of sd Land after the Cropps is taken off Severall of them have from Time to Time for the Space of Twenty Years laft paft, when the Indian Corn beans &c. was Come up and Weed, Turned in there Cows hors Swine Sheep &c. and have wholly destroyed the sd Indians Crops So that Your poor distrefed Memorialis have not for the Space of Tenn Years had one Crop of Corn and are now Even discouraged from planting Any more Since thier Labour hath proved loeft, for this Seven Years So that we have had no Ripe Corn. Whereupon Your poor Memorialis humbly pray that Your Hon.rs would Take Some Compaſsion us And appoint two Honiſt neighbours that will Take Some Care of sd feilds that we may have the benifit propoſed in planting and Improving sd land and that there may be order for a pound to be Erected att sd place and pound keeper appointed to Impound any Cattle hors kind Sheep, &c that Shal be Taken damage preaſant in sd feild and that the whole Management therof may be putt into the hands of Capt. Stephen Prenttis of New London and Mr. Thomas Lee of Lyme which we humbly pray may be the Two men appointed, and that perſons that Joyne to the Indians Land may be obliged to make there fence against the sd Indian Land, which for the Time paft hath not been made, and by reafon wherof much damage hath been done unto us. and Your poor memorialis will as in duty bound Ever pray

Witness The pray' of the above Mazzeen his Mark
Memoriall granted and that a bill be Wanshawbaug his mark
drawn in form Paſt in the Upp Houſe

Teft Hez: Wyllys Secreť
Concurred with in y' Lower Houſe Teſt, Jn. Rufsell Clerk