An Act, directing that there Shall be a contribution and the
money thereby Raised to be Improved for the civilizing &c of the Indians
and a Sum Granted for the Instructing the Nahantick Indians in
the Town of Lyme in the County of New London.

Notwithstanding that the first Settlers of this Colony from time to
time by persons killed in the Indian tongue, Indevoured to gain
the sd Natives to a belief of the Christian Religion, Yet the sd
Indians did generally Refuse the Same, but of late the Indians
desired to be Instructed, in the Christian Religion, which,
this govern’ as well as many pious persons therein have Incoraged
and to the end that So good a design may be furthered.

Be it enacted by . . . . . . that at the Next
publick Thanksgiving that Shall be appointed in this Colony
there Shall be a Contribution attended in every Ecclesiastical Society
or parish in this Government, and that the money that Shall be
Raised thereby Shall be Improved for the civilizing & Christianizing
of the Indian Natives in this Colony, (exclusive of the Moheags
who are already provided for) and that his Honour the Gove’
Send forth his order & to the Ministers in the Respective parishes
accordingly. And the Governour & Council for the time being
. . . . . . are hereby appointed & to be a Comittee
to Receive the sd Contribution, and they are hereby directed-
carefully to Improve the Same for the end above Said, and they
Shall give an account of their doings therein, to this assembly
that So farther care from time to time may be taken.

And whereas this assembly are Now Informed & that the Children,
among the sd Nahantick Indians desire to be Instructed,
thereupon it is Resolved that the Colony Treasurer do pay out
of the publick Treasury unto Mefs: Thomas Lee (of Lyme) &
Stephen Prents (of New London)* who are appointed to Receive the
Same, and therewith they Shall hire Some Suitable person to
Instruct the sd Children to Read & also in the principles
of the Christian Religion.

Past in the Upper House
May 1736

Test George Wyllys Secret’