

A true Copie of the Act and deed of the voluntary and free Submifsion of the cheife Sachim, and the rest of the Princes, with the whole people of the Nanhyganfetts, unto the government and protection of that honourable state of old England set downe here verbatim;

Know all men, Collonies, peoples and Nations, unto whom the fame hereof shall come; that we the cheife Sachims, princes or governours of the Nanhyganfet (in that part of America now called New England) together with the ioynt and unanimous consent of all our people and subiects, inhabitants therof, do upon Serious confideration, mature and deliberate advise and counfell great and weighty grounds and reasons moving us therunto, wherof one most effectuall unto us is, That noble fame we have heard of that great and mighty Prince Charles, King of great Brittain, in that honourable and princely care he hath of all his servants, and true and loyall Subiects; the confideration wherof moveth and bendeth our hearts with one consent, freely, voluntarily, and most humbly, to submit, Subiect, and give over our selves, Peoples, Lands, rights, inheritances, and pofsefsions whatsoever, in our selves and our heires, Succesivly for ever, unto the protection, care, and government of that Worthy and Royall Prince Charles, King of great Brittain and Ireland, his heires and Succesors for ever, to be ruled and governed according to thofe ancient and honourable lawes, and customes established in that fo renowned realme and Kingdome of old England; Wee do therfore by these presents confesse, and moft willingly, and Submifsivly acknowledge our selves to be the humble, loving and obedient servants, and Subiects of his Maiesty to be ruled, ordered, and difpofed of in [*worn*] selves and ours, according to his princely wifdome, counfell, and lawes of that honourable State of old England, upon Condition of his Maiesties Royall protection, and righting of us in what wrong is, or may be done unto us, according to his honourable lawes and customes excerfised amongst his Subiects in their prefervation and Safty, and in the defeating and overthrow of his, and their enemies; Not that we find our selves nescelsitated hereunto in respect of our relation, or oration we have or may have with any of the natives in these parts, knowing our selves sufficient defence, and able to iudge in any matter or cause in that respect. But have iust cause of ieaoulfie and Suspition of some of his Maiesties pretended Subiects; Therefore our defire is to have our matters and causes heard and tried according to his iust and equall lawes in that way and order his Highnesse shall please to apoint; Nor can we yeeld over our Selves unto any that are Subiects themselves in any Cafe, having our selves bin the cheife Sachims or princes succesivly of the countrey time out of mind, and for our present and lawfull enacting hereof being so farre remote from his Maiesty, we have by ioynt consent made choice of foure of his loyall and loving Subiects, our trusty and wellbeloved friends, Samuel Gorton, John Wickes, Randall Houlden, and John Warner, whom we have deputed and made our lawfull Attourneys or Comifsioners, not only for the acting and performing of this our deed in the behalfe of his Highnesse, but also for the Safe custody, carefull conveyance, and declaration hereof unto his grace, being done upon the lands of the Narhyganfet at a Court or generall Afsembly called and afsembled together of purpose for the publick enacting and manifestation hereof; And for the further confirmation and establishing of this our act and deed, Wee the abovfaid Sachims or Princes have according to that commendable custome of English men subscribed our names, and set our seales hereunto as so many testimonies of our faith and truth, our love and loyaltie to that our Dread Sovereighne; and that according to the English mens account dated the nineteenth day of Aprill one thousand six hundred forty foure;

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