

122 Reference of y<sup>e</sup> petition of  
Richard Thayer for lands in  
At the Court at Whitehall

December the 8<sup>th</sup> 1682 131

Present

The King's most Excellent Majesty  
in Council.



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Upon reading the Petition of Richard Thayer of  
Braintree in New England Complaining of the  
~~Company~~ Colony of the Massachusetts Bay for wrongfully  
dispossessing him of a large Tract of Land in that  
Country which he and others long since purchased of an  
Indian Sachem on pretence that the said Land is within  
the Limits of their Charter or Grants, As in the Petition  
is more at large expressed, And praying to be relieved.  
It is this day Ordered by his Majesty in Council that a  
Copy of the Petition be given to the Lord of the  
Committee for Trade and Forreign Plantations, who are  
to examine the allegations thereof, and to Report to His  
Good how they finde the same, together with their  
own opinion, and then his Majesty will Declare his  
further pleasure. Francis Gwyn.



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New England  
Dec: 8: 1682  
Deferment of the  
Pet<sup>r</sup> of Kedd Chain  
for Lands in Braintree  
near in the Bostoners possession

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The 'new' adm<sup>r</sup> to  
take towns of Braintree to show  
over an authentic copy of y<sup>e</sup>  
 deed.



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To the Kings most Excellent Ma<sup>ty</sup>

The humble Peticon of Richard Mayre of Brantrye  
in New England  
For lands in Brantrye

Sheweth



That yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> with severall others of yo<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>ty</sup> Subjects about  
fforty years ago went over to New-England & purchased  
a larg tract of Land of Wompatuck Iosias a great  
Indian Sachem, as by Deeds and other writings fully  
appeare, which Land is now called Brantrye, where they  
settled themselves and families and enjoyed a quiet  
possession for many years, That though the Southerne  
Bounds of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay in  
New-England extendeth but three Miles in a direct  
Southerne line from every part of Charley River, as by  
their Charter doth appeare, yet under pretence of an  
imaginary line they have enlarged their Southerne  
Bounds, and thereby taken the Towne of Brantrye  
with other Townes and the Lands therunto belonging  
into their Jurisdiction, and by an Order of Generall  
Court have disposed of a great part of yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> Land to  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Savage and Cap<sup>t</sup> Clapp now or late Inhabitants  
of Boston, That yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> hath for many years been  
disturbed in his possession by the said Savage & Clapp  
upon pretence of their Order of Generall Court, and  
being compelled to defend his title to the said Land  
in the Courts of Boston, yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> at the Tryall produced  
his enrolled Deeds from the said Wompatuck Iosias  
but they would not be allowed of, whereupon yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup>  
did in open Court at Boston appeale to yo<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>ty</sup>  
in Councill to the end he might obtaine a faire  
Tryall for his said Land, but that being also refused  
yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> about three years since came over hither to make  
his appeale in person to yo<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>ty</sup>, but through the persuasion  
of



Mr Staughton and Mr Buckley the then New-England - Agents here, who promised yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> if he would forbear putting in his Petition and Appeal, he should have all Justice and right done in New-England and be restored to his lands, yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> accordingly forbore his prosecution here, and returned againe for New-England where instead of restoring him, they have lately granted Judgment and Execution against yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup>s lands and Plantation, and have thereby dispossessed him and his wife and family of their Estate to their utter ruine, without yo<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>y</sup> Royall Justice and favour be vouchsafed to him -

Now forasmuch as the said Towne of Brantrye and severall adjacent Townes and Lands therunto belonging are not included within the Extent of the Charters or Grants either of New-England, or the Massachusetts Bay, but are independant from either of their Jurisdiction, and immediately under yo<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>y</sup> Government and Authority, and that yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> and the other Proprietors being loyall Subjects are desirous of being ruled according to the Laws and Methods of yo<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>y</sup> gracious Government here both in Church and State, and not to be Subject to the Tyranny & oppression of the said Colony -

Yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> most humbly prays yo<sup>r</sup> sacred Ma<sup>y</sup> to take these great injuries and sufferings of yo<sup>r</sup> poore loyall Subjects into yo<sup>r</sup> Gracious piety and consideration - and to Order the New-England Agents now attending yo<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>y</sup> to make it appeare before yo<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>y</sup> (if they can) to the satisfaction of yo<sup>r</sup> Royall wisdom and Judgement, that the said Towne and Lands of Brantrye are within the limitts or legall construction of the said Massachusetts Charters, and yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> lawfully ejected, or that yo<sup>r</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> may by yo<sup>r</sup>



Royall Authority and Order be forthwith restored to the  
 said Towne and Land according to his said purchase  
 and former long enjoyment thereof. yo<sup>r</sup> Bet<sup>r</sup> being by  
 this unjust <sup>dispossession</sup> ~~dissection~~ altogether impoverished and  
 incapable of obtaining his right otherwise then by yo<sup>r</sup>  
 Ma<sup>y</sup> gratio<sup>s</sup> interposicion and assistance.

ex<sup>d</sup> /

And yo<sup>r</sup> Bet<sup>r</sup> as in Duty bound / shall  
 ever pray &c



(8 December 1682)

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