

1664-1665 RESISTANCE PETITIONS

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Which Dat Boston Octobr 19. 1664.

To the honoured generall court of the Massachusetts Collony the humble representation
of the Inhabitants of the Towne of Concord both freemen and others.

Forasmuch as we understand, that there have been Complaints made unto his Majestie, concerning divisions amongst us, and dissatisfaction about the present Government of this Colonie; we whose names are underwritten doe heartily testify our unanimous satisfaction in, and adhering too, the present Government, soe longe, and orderly established, and our earnest desire of the Continuance thereof, and of all the liberties, and priviledges appertaining therunto, which are contained in the Charter granted by King James, and King Charles the first ~~and second~~ Memoriz; under the encouragement, and security of which Charter, we or our fathers ventured over the Ocean, into this wilderness, through great hazards, charges, and difficulties; And seeing our rightfull Sovereigns hath priviledged you with power by force of armes to defend this place and people (we having encouragement from the honoured Council; cannot but acknowledge it a mercy of god, that you doe minde the good and preservation of this place, and people, according to oath) We doe declare that we are ready to assist both with persons and estates, that soe by the goodness and mercy of god we may ~~be able to defend our selves~~ ~~and our estates~~ ~~and our liberties~~ ~~and our priviledges~~ still enjoy our persons priviledges and Remaine yours in all humble affection

Thomas Brooks	David Browne	John Heath	John Wheeler
William Hunt	Edmond Brooks	William Wheeler	Nedger Draper
Robert Ffletcher	Isabell Browne	Thomas Wheeler	William Ffizzell
Joseph Wheeler	John Graves	Joseph Haywood	Simon Davis
George Wheeler	Samuell Wylson	Edmond Heath	Samuell Davis
James Blood	John Stryker	Joseph Woodman	William Ffloom
Isaiah Wheeler	Christopher Wadley	Samuell Marble	Fraunce Ffletcher
Samuell Stratton	Samuell Wheat	Samuell Stone	Sollow Davis
David Smedley	Steven Hopmore	Stephen Stavens	John Smedley
Richard Dye	Edmond Wyloy	Samuell Hartwell	William Buckner
Thomas Browne	James Hopmore	John Smedley	Humphrey Barnat
Joseph Davis	William Hall	John Barker	Samuel Star
John Ffarrerwell	William Carlon	John Wheeler	Ephraim Ffint
John Hayward	Moses Wheat	James Dudley	John Ffint
Samuell Meriam	Thomas Wheeler	Patrick Harst	Nehemiah Hunt
William Doult	William Burton	John Slater	Edward Bight
William How	William Baker	James Blood	Honery Woodis
Joseph Ffarrer	Joseph Wheeler	John Hartwell	George Hayward
John Fowes	Isabell Ffletcher	Samuell Smedley	Thomas Ston
Thomas Bodeman	Thomas Davis	Joseph Byles	Michael Wood
Nathaniell Ball	William Duffe	Nathaniell Byles	John Miles
Samuell Hoare	Nathaniell Billings	Thomas Chapman	Thomas Davon
George Meriam	Joshuah Brooks	Caleb Brooks	John Meriam
John Haywood			

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61 Abraham Row
62 John Gurnah
63 Thomas Lake
64 ~~Thomas~~ No. 1000
65 Nickolas Gorge

Edward Lough
Thomas L. 206
C. (per 206)
Samuel Clay
Robert Spencer
Matthias Cress
William Grundy
Danell Winston
Edmond Brown
Thomas Mendenhall
Wilson Pole.
Dimitry Foster
Fitz and Zacher
John Capron 5m
Rich Leeds
James & Francis

James Jones
James White
Jingadwibye Jr.
James Humphrey
Peter Lyon
Thomas Pope
James Robinson
Arthur Hinshaw

Yemassee Lect:
 Charles M. May Jr.
 Fortmial Evans
 Thomas Andrew G.
 Thomas Andrew G.
 James Nazamond
 Thomas

James Tolson
 Jacob Howard
 James Blake

Richard Grant
Amwell House
Faber Lane
Wiltshire

41. Walter Stoughton	42. Thomas Jones	43. Nicholas Clark	44. William Turner
45. Henry Way	46. David C. C. C. C.	47. James C. C. C.	48. Ammiel Weeks
49. Anthony Fisher son	50. Gabriel Mott	51. Clement Tappan	52. John Jones
53. John & Smith market	54. William Robinson	55. Simon Hall	56. Robert Jewell
57. George S. S. S.	58. Edmund Clark	59. Samuel Bay	60. Matthew Ball

Dorchester
Petition
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The humble petition of the People of Roxbury
to the hon^d & Gen: Court now assembled at
Boston this 25th of the 8th 1664

Sheweth

That we whose names are here under written do humbly
request the hon^d Gen: Court both in justice & Duty
that you would stand fast in ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~liberty~~ ^{liberty} ~~and~~ ^{and} by his
majestys Letters Patents we enjoy, & have had long posses-
sion of we do desire not to confer to pray for you who are
at the helm, that the Lord would please to guide & assist you
to perse right in all making times.

John Eliot

John Broun

1st D^{ist} mill the mark of P^{er} Duard Bridge
of worth

Elizabeth Jorrey

Robert Jorrey

for mark of yellow pond

Samuel Williams

Samuel Starbrow

John Franklyn

10th of 8th 1664

Remondel of Comabratman

Joseph Gwigg

Samuel May

Remondel of 2nd of 1664
Remondel of 2nd of 1664

Christophore port

William Lion

10th of 8th 1664

Abraham Newell sen^r

Samuel Finch

Samuel Ruggles

Hugh Clark

John Clark

Uziah Clark

Thomas Foster

Robert Proctor

Haack Newell

John Poyper

William Curtis

Haack Curtis

Samuel Davis

Abraham How

John Totman

John Bridg

Jabozh Totman

John Lyon

Robert Harris

James Frizel

John May sen^r

Roxbury Petition

25 October 1664

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To the Honnoured Generall Court 97
 Assembled & sitting at Boston this
 25. 10. 1664.

The humble Petition of us under
 written sheweth

That whereas Divers inhabitants of other towns
 in this Jurisdiction have made their earnest
~~request~~ request for the encouragement of
 the honoured Court that the present Govern-
 ment with the Liberties thereof in their full
 latitude may be continued. And also the
 subscribers herunto doo make the same our
 earnest request,

And that it is our hearty desire and
 Signified by our hands desiring the
 God of all wisdom to guide
 your Honours protection to that end for ever &c.

Edward Bolcher Bride.
 Edward Bolcher Junide.
 Thomas Brown
 James Bralton
 Theophilus Henshaw
 Harob Eliot
 Nathl Bowrey
 William Land
 William White
 Peter Warden
 Henry Allen
 Francis Baron
 Peter Gile
 Abel Porter
 John Porter
 William Lytherland
 John Harrieffon
 Edward Davis
 Joseph Girdley
 Robert Marshall
 William Buxton
 Alexander Bogle
 Richard Hollinghead
 John Sanford

Hon. Rust
 Samahole Wayte
 Robert Earle
 Alexander Baker
 John Baker
 Edward Corvill
 Rotunde Wayte.
 Richard Carters Rmark.
 William Birksong
 Thomas Stelhar
 William O Townshend mark
 Robert Bloke mark
 Joseph C. Wadon mark
 John Hurd. Gander.
 Nathaniel Woodward
 Isaac. Hargreaves
 Robert Walker
 Benjamin Shustons
 Jacob Mason
 Robert Sanderson
 James Peniman

Francis Daist
 Dan. Daist
 Richard & Corvill
 Paul Batt.
 Samuel Abbot
 Daniel Braden
 William
 Steven Butler
 Addum Gings dull
 John Crowell
 Benjamin Ward
 Tho. Smyth
 William Yell.
 John Dingell
 Citrey brasson
 Morgan Jones
 Richard Thrale
 Ambros Saw
 Richard Ringardson
 John Globet
 Thomas Waggott
 John Louyell
 Michael Engr
 William Gird
 Richard Goud
 Nathaniel Bishope
 Benjamin Bishope
 John mays
 Nathaniel Wagnall
 Benjamin Biscord
 Robert maffon
 Tho. mylor
 John G. Elm
 Richard Cooke
 John B. Swallow
 Tho. Gird
 John maffon

Boston Petition (1)

25 October 1664

Massachusetts Archives CVI.97

that whereas we are informed that severall inhabitants of severall
townes in this Jurisdiction have for some encouragement from the
Hon^{ble} Court manifested a true earnest desire to be made free
Government and those Liberties may be such as will be of good use to
the subscribers hereunto. do make the same request as
being the desire of our heart and the maine without hands
and Power what God would bestow on a free and happy people

Massachusetts Historical Society

To the Honored General Court now assembled in Boston the Humble petition
of the Inhabitants of Boston Sheweth

That whereas we are informed that severall of the inhabitants in other towns
in this jurisdiction have for this in consequence of this Honored Court manifested
their earnest request that the present Government withall their Liberties in
may in their latitude be still continued, wth all the inhabitants subscribers
hereto make the same earnest request as being the desire of 2 hearts
wth we do manifest by o^r hands and shall pray that God will be yo^r guide
in his own way for that end ever to the end.

Probably about
Oct 1664

Richard Parker	James Pease	Edward Tyng
Peter Brunt	Joseph Pease	Thomas Clarke
Rich. Truefald	John Pease	John Wiggall
Edmond Gifford	John Pease	Augustin Lyndon
Edmond Porters	John Pease	Edw. Frost
Robt. Woodmanley		John Shover
Frederick Maffing		John Brattle
Robert Edwards		Thomas Butcher
John Steele		Thomas Burnet
Robt. Mead		Thomas Stearns
Buriamin Eving		Samuel Gillies
Edmond Abenden		Benjamin Hough
Alexander Buck		
James Macthony		
Richard Gifford		
Christopher Gifford		
Margaret Wals		
Godwin Ambridge		
William Gifford		
Richard Mason		
William Wade		
Thomas Gifford		
Henry Hornwood		
William Warble		
Joseph Webb		
Richard Brade		
John Collins		
Samuel Hicks		
John Barker		
David Paywell		
John Bull		
George King		
Edward Goodin		
John Wiggall		
Benjamin Smith		
Henry Downing		
John Miller		

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John Barker
David Paywell
John Bull
George King
Edward Goodin
John Wiggall
Benjamin Smith
Henry Downing
John Miller

Boston Petition (3)
ca. 25 October 1664

Northampton
Petition
19 April 1665
Massachusetts
Archives
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Hadley Petition
25 April 1665
Massachusetts Archives 106.107

To the much Hon^d the Gov^t of the Mass^{tts} in Gen^l Court att^d Boston 3^d May 65

The petition of us whole names and names subscribed (being yet nonfreemen)
most humbly sheweth

That whereas the various governors of good God hath bene pleased to lay out y^e bounds of many of y^e habitations for us: that we may and we hope shall pay our portions and amongst y^e goodly by whom we are surrounded to breathe after God and Christ: although not yet past our Novices we are to attend the fullness of all merit that it do please our God here to tender us the want whereby we do not so cannot blame any for but our felicity and desire to be more quietly to wait upon God in the use of the means tendered still to us in the holy institutions of Jesus Christ according to his own dispensations by his Spirit (as we acknowledge it to be our duty) from our hearts to best the Lord for best words blessing us Jesus under his shadow of his wings in a holy brightness and peaceful government for rest and earthly peace to give us more freedom of government is laid that we would long please those and yet suggest we aware it is reported that many in our state and relation are dissatisfied with and disaffected to this present government which through an orderly long establishment have bene so great a blessing to us and many others here: this being considered we thought it our duty to declare at this time that it is altogether true in y^e report of us y^e justifications thereof: and moreover we have not write out found that some not only not well will to our peace and quietness but have endeavored to get some of Jesus Christ now managed by y^e felicity: which we so feel and Henry may possibly endeavor to make some disturbance in these our blessed and desired enjoyment: but are against that our felicity in this juncture of time might be under y^e range encounter against Messrs. June 5th for not coming out to assist y^e Lord against y^e mischief

The smiles considered our humble petition to y^e Gov^t: and our earnest prayers to y^e Father of mankind it that you will be strong and very merciful: that neither for fear of any threats or flatteries: any y^e least of our felicity liberties and beloved world or entreaties be so far from y^e place or weaken y^e resolution we have so undoubtedly and true right in y^e fight of God and good men: so fully and simply governed by Matt^r and conscience to us that it is to y^e Governor and Company of the Massachusetts: and whereas we hope in God but have to be mercifully justified: and in this our request we interest we may be believed to be very bold and we are in God assisting us by his grace: we purpose and promise to be assisting to y^e felicity to y^e best with our persons lives and estates we are so well and shall be

- And yet ever pray
- | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| John Richard | John Hunting | John Woodward | John Davis | John Farrington |
| Thomas Aldridge | John King | John Papp | Robert Hudson | Isaac Bullard |
| Samuel Aldridge | Charles King | Samuel Morrill | Robert Mason | James Chappin |
| Isaac Allen | Michael Mordant | John Read | Edward Mason | Edward Tupper |
| Jonathan Butler | John Fuller | Robert Cain | John Eaton | John Eaton |
| Colt Parker | John Payne | John Clark | John Fisher | Thomas Fisher |
| James Allen | John Ware | Michael Wilson | John Mason | Samuel Fisher |
| Nath French | Nathaniel Chichester | Samuel Gold | Nathaniel Bullard | Nathaniel Whiting |
| Edward Hook | Nathaniel Gay | Nathaniel Richards | Joseph King | Samuel Sheres |
| Thomas Warren | Joseph Kelton | James Deble | Samuel Hunting | Samuel Heaton |
| | Jonathan Howard | John Colburne | John Heaton | Thomas Clap |
| | Edward Scott | John Mon | James Dray | John Dray |
| | William Avery | Esraim Moore | | |
| | | Esraim Moore | | |
| | | Hendry Doring | | |

Dedham Nonfreemen
[non-voters] Petition
3 May 1665
Massachusetts Archives
106.110

To the honoured General
Sitting Boston in the
England
The humble Petition of us whose names
freemen &c Most humbly sheweth
that whereas it hath pleased El might
fore appoint by his gracious command
multitude all things to grant unto us among
habitations & estates in these remote and
lived some longer and some less time since
under a Pious & praiseworthy Government which
have not so esteemed nor desired as now show
of God in his providence past & present seem
wherein God hath bin pleased heretofore to
prosperity & peace & safety also have
how the hearts of such as stand in like estate
Government may stand affected with also
time as this might be a discouragement, unto
Magistrates & freemen And finally
as well as for the honour & glory of God
humbly & freely to declare our zeal to
Government many of us having all of them
of us have great cause to bless God for the
other people also where both in Civil

See for the
heartily desire that
stand & be made
if so it might please
look at 2 bloody
be faithfully assisted
honour of God & with
Lord Christ King to favour
God & the Patent
Address of happy
by his Magistrates own
humbly craving & all
justly arising to any
Point of law may be
Thus humbly craving
faithful attention &
Continuance thereof
1624

Simon Stoddard
Atkinson Jun.
John Partridge
George May
Darius Porter

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Rygon
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To the honoured General Court now Assembled and
Sitting Boston in the Massachusetts Colony in New
England
humble Petition of us whose names are underneath being men
most humbly sheweth
That whereas it hath pleased Almighty God by his all wise Council to
fore appoint & by his gracious Providence whereby he governeth & over-
ruleth all things to grant unto us amongst many of his people our former
habitations & Estates in those remote ends of the Earth where we have
lived some longer and some less time enjoying precious liberties and privileges
under a Pious & gracious Government which we together with many others
have not so esteemed nor prized as we should. But since the solemn dispensation
of God in his providences past & present seem to threaten both Church & State
wherein God hath bin pleased heretofore to gladden the hearts of his people with
prosperity & peace & blessed also have his hand therein and not knowing
how the hearts of such as stand in like relation with O' blessed unto the present
Government may stand affected we do also being doubtful & as it were at such a
time as this might be a discouragement unto mutual proceeding of O' honoured
Magistrates & freemen And finally to our Subjection of unfaithfulness
as well as for the honour & glory of God we thought it O' duty most
humbly & freely to declare our real contentment in with the present
Government many of us having all O' blessed enjoyed the same & moreover and all
of us have great cause to bless God for the happiness we have therein had & also
other people also where both in Civil & Christian respects

We do therefore hereby O' humble and
heartily desire that the present Government should
stand & be maintained as that unanimously of all
if so it might please God, and that for O' blessed as
we shall be able us
to bless God at most for the
and respects & advantages to
may increase with the word of
unto O' Sovereign by his royal
now we hope confirmed
resolution may be O' want
humane or different not have
by any dissent or dissenting in
for the future
of O' real content
thus humbly craving your
faithful attention for
Continuance thereof we humbly subscribe O' blessed
ourselves ever bound to pray

Stoddard
Atkinson Jun.
Barliff
George May
Ralph Carter
Paul

Jonathan Gellie
 John C. Moulton
 Tho. Balles
 Samuel Fackler
 John Hill
 Mathias ^{his mark} a trow
 Morgan Jones
 Tho. J. Jones his mark
 Paul Batt
 Manist Basko. his mark
 John T. Gonsow his mark
 John Skothen
 Joshua Lambard
 Thomas Jeffery
 John Marshall & his mark
 Richard Gony his mark
 William Day his mark
 Lurane Washburn
 Jonathan Woodbury
 Edmund Mountford
 John Moore
 James M. M. M.
 John Lawrence
 Jonathan Briggs
~~John Lawrence~~
 Jonathan Briggs
 John Harris
 Abraham Harris
 Richard Harris

READING PETITION, OCTOBER 1664 [MISSING]

CHELMSFORD PETITION, OCTOBER 1664 [MISSING]

WOBURN PETITION, OCTOBER 1664 [MISSING]