

Letter to Gov. Strong  
1801

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From Mr. G. Brooks, Esq.  
Boston  
May, 1855  
(No. 397)

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this Commonweath bought 6 years ago a farm on pleasant point and out of it made a present of 10 acres to the Indians. they resort on this Spot in summer for the hunting of porpoises abounding in the bay of pafsamaquoddy as they get part of their living by the oil extracted from those fishes. it is the reason why they are numerous there of course 10 acres are to small a spot. the have presented a petition to the general court for the obtaining of the whole farm. it is at the disposal of the court who do not want it and it will be very advantageous to the Indians who become poor more and more. hunger will force them at last to become husbandmen.

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Description: Letter from Romagne, a French clergyman, to Governor Strong requesting that the Governor intervene on behalf of the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot tribes to give the tribes more land on Pleasant Point.

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Living amongst the Indians speaking their Language  
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May the Almighty preserve you for the good of your  
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