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Description: Deposition regarding capture of Samuel Whitney

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Phips
To the Honble Spencer ^Esq^r Ltt Govr & Commander in Chief for the Time being
The Honble His Majestys Councill & House of Representatives in General
Court December 4.1751

The Memorial of Samuel Whitney of Brunswick
Humbly Showeth   ive
That Your Memorialist & his Son Samuel with four^ more of the
Inhabitants, while at work together mowing their Hay, on Wednesday the 24 day
                                    in [?] afternoon
of July last about two a Clock ^ were Surrounded & Surprized by Nineteen
Indians & one Frenchman, who were all Armed, & in an hostile Manner
did Seize upon & by Force of Arms, obliged them to Submit their Lives into their
                              our
hands, and one of ~~the~~ said Number vizt Isaac Hinkley in attempting to make
his Escape was killed in a barbarous ~~&inhumane~~ Manner & Scalped after
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~~they~~ were secured by said Indians, they destroyed & wounded between 20 & 30 head
of Cattle belonging to y^e Inhabitants, some of which were the property of your
Memorialists. The said party of Indians were nine of them of Norridge
=walk Tribe. ~~the other~~ one of whom was well known, the other were Canada
                                    the
Indians. That ~~when they gott to~~ Norridgewalk Indians Appeared more forward
for killing all the Captives but were prevented by the other Indians. Your
Memorialist was by them Carried to Canada & there sold ~~to Monsieur Cadett~~
for 126 Livres. And the said Indians when they came to Canada were new
                    had
cloathed, & ^ New Guns given them with plenty of Provisions as an Encouragem^t
for this Exploit. That the Govr of the Penobscott Tribe was present when your
Memorialist was sent for to sing a chorus as is their Custom of using their
                                    other
Captives, & Manifested equal Joy w^h the ~~rest~~ ^of the Indians, that took them And
the Norridgewalk Tribe has removed from Norridgewalk, & were now sett
down on Canada River near Quebec, supposed to be drawn there by the
Influence of the French. These things your Memorialist cannot omitt
Observing to y^r. Honours and his Redemption was purchased by one M^r
Peter Littlefield formerly taken a Captive & now resident among them, to whom
                                                        of
Your Memorialist Stands indebted for said 126 Livres being the Price ~~for~~
his liberty, which when he had so far Obtained, he Applied to ye Govern^r of
Canada for a ~~Lett~~ Pass, who verily granted it, that his Return to Boston
was by way of Louisbourgh, where said Pass was taken from him by the lord
Intendants, on some Pretence which he could not obtain of him ~~again~~
Your Memorialists Son yet remaining in Captivity among the Indians
with three more that were taken at ye same time, and he has a Wife & [?]
~~more~~ Children under difficult ~~& distressing~~ Circumstances by reason of
this Misfortune—Your Memorialist having thus represented his
unhappy Sufferings to this Honble Court humbly recommends his Case to
the Compassion of the Honble Court hoping they will in their great Goodness provide
for the redemption of his Son & enable him to answer his obligation to said
Mr Littlefield, who was so kind to pay for his Ransom, Your Memorialist
                                                            being

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               as   he is
being in no capacity to answer that Charge, being thereby ^ reduced to grea [paper torn]
otherwise grant him that Relief as in their Wisdom the Goodness shall seem [paper torn]
Your Memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray &c]

                              Samuel Whitney

[written sideways]

1751
Saml Whitney &
Hez: Purrington

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Captives taken
Herz Purrington
Saml Whitney }returnd
Edwd Hinkley
Gideon Hinkley
Sam^{le} Lombard
Saml Whitney Junr: returned
Isaac Hinkley killed
     th
July 24: 1751.