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Date: ca. 1684
Description: Indian sagamores of the Kennebec, Androscoggin and Casco Bay

pledge their loyalty to the British crown

To the Greate & Glorious Monarch ye King of England Scottld. France and Ireland and of the Northerne Continent and Islands and other Great Dominions In America.

The Humble Adrres of the Chiefe Sagamores of Kennibeck Androsscoggan And Cascon Bay in New England

May Itt please yo^R Ma^{tye}.

Since ye Renowne of ye English Kings first Sounded In this Land our ancestors and wee their posterity have had their Glory In admiration and beene always Ready to give ye Subjection and Honner Due to such mighty monarchs to whom theire people Were few and Weake permitted them poor arably [?] to plant and possess our Lands & In all our Converss & Transactions treated them Wth Integrity and Kindness Keeping our Selves unconcerned with ye Wampanogues and other Indians In the Last unhappy Warr till Jealousyes and hostilityes on one hand and Treachery and fores on ve other (our friends under ve highest pretences of friendship beinge Surprised transported & Sold in foreign Lands) Constreyned us to use means of Preservation & Defence and being well assured y' when those perfidious Inhumanityes y' Brought us to this Woefull necessity Should bee made Knowne unto; they would be Abhorred by yoR Sacred Matie we were noe Longer Willing to Imploy our Arms then, with ye Returne of our Captive friends & ye assurance of Security & peace w^{ch} being happily Concluded hath on our parts been Inviolably kept ~ And Since our Authority over owne people & Execise of our hereditary Rights to Ancient Traditions & Customs, are ye onely means to Keepe them in obedience & to Inable us to Serve yoR Maie, Wee humbly Craved them

Continuance thereof & most humbly ^ Intire subjection & obedience to yo^R Glorious Crowne, praying yo^R Gratious protection, Resolving yt when you shall in yoR Wisdom please to Establish yoR Royall Authority and ordeine such Rulers as may [scratched out] account [scratched out] to yoR Maiie Wee will Cheerefully make those Arbitraters of all ye Disputes & Controverseys yt may happen betweene yo^R English Subjects & our selves or that may any other way & Concerne ye Publick peace or ye Honor of Interest of yor Crowne or Kingdoms; And now being Desirous To Testify our Loyalty to yo^R Matie & Land to yo^R English Subjects as our Circumstances will admitt) Wee have Without other Capitulations or Reserves than Liberty of fishing and hunting & Improvement of Of our Ancient planting grounds upon Intimation yt many materiall Evidences & Deeds Were Destroyed & Lost In ye Late Unhappy Warr, made full & absolute Resignation & Confirmation to Mr Wharton & his heires for Ever and as Derivinge from ye heires [scratched out] of Mr Thomas Purchace Deceased & Mr Eleazer Way who held by Pattent from yo^R Royall Ancesto^{rs} & as hee y^e s^d Wharton Represents the heirs of Majo^R Shapleigh Deceased, derivinge by ancient Indian Grants & from ye Gorges Commission's, all those Lands Rivers & Privileges Particularly Named & Described in our Deed of Confirmation; & all Such other Lands & privileges weh at any Time heeretofore any the aforenamed persons, their Tenn^{ts} friends or agents at any time possessed or have Been purchased of or given by any of Our ancestors, our Selves or People beseeching yo^R Ma^{tie} to Ratify our Resignation & Incourage ye Settlement & Improvements proposed by the said Wharton And when we Shall bee Honned with yoR Gracious acceptance & Intimation of yoR Royall pleasure In any particular of Our Duty wee Shall bee most observant & faithfull & Charge our Children to all Generations Strenuously to pursue ye Commands & Designs of yok Matie (and Lawfull Successors In ye English Throne) for ye Inlargement of yok Greate Authority and Empire praying Itt may Grow Soo great ythe Sun may always Shine upon Itt and this our Hunble address beinge In ye Gehnerall Assembly of all our Councellors Chiefe men & people deliberately and Unanimously concluded In one fort at Poiepscott & perfectly understood by sundry of our Selves & Interpreted to all. Wee commit ye same to Mr Wharton for Conveyance to yok Sacred hands, & Least Itt should miscarry we have signed a Duplicate to Remayne wth him, Humbly praying that these poore but Loyall Expressions of Duty may obtaine ye Enrolement of our names amongst.

YoR Mates most humble faithfull & obedient subjects

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