

By the Lower House of Assembly
May 27, 1740

May it please your Hon^{rs}

Upon Consideration of the Petition
of M^r Charles Sewall which your Hon^{rs} have referred to
the Consideration of this House concerning a Tract of Land
called Darby which was Granted to his Grandfather and
was Settled by Act of Assembly to the use of some Indians
on the Eastern Shore in the Year 1669. And as it does not
appear that ever any satisfaction was made for the said Land
(altho' it was taken away from the Owner or Proprietor of it
for a publick Good) so it seems reasonable and Just to this
House that the Petitioner should have satisfaction made
him or that he should have the Land. It seems to this
House that the best Expedient would be to appoint some
persons to Treat with the Indians for a Compensation to be
made them at the publick charge for their Right to the said
Land, and that the Petitioner M^r Sewall have it. By this
Expedient we conceive that no Inconvenience will ensue
to the Indians themselves as they will have Land remaining
of what was Settled on them by the said Act more than
sufficient for the Number of those People (who daily diminish)