Letter to Col. Henderson
The Hon. Council Boston.

Dear Gentleman

Purpose he was pleas'd with the proposal and bought a small Tenement in the Center of this Place for which he gave [illegible] and made a Deed of it to Coll. Elisha Williams, Esqr. the Revd Messrs. Saml. Moseley, Benjamin Pomeroy & Myself for the Foundation Use & Support of a Charity School for such a purpose — and we covenanted with him & his Heirs to improve that and all other Donations for that Purpose — which School we propose they shoud be instructed in Read[ing] Writing &c. with Liberal Arts & Sciences & Especially in ye Knowledge and Practise of Christianity and Qualified for ye Gospel Ministry [illegible] under the Conduct of the most Learned & Godly Master we can obtain and ye [illegible] in all Respects as English Scholars [illegible] in this School [illegible] their Lodging & Something in which Conformity to their [illegible] Brand [illegible] Shall [illegible] Dictate, a Conformity to their [illegible] to be Expedient — we ha[ve] got Subscrip[tio]ns for about £300, Lawfull Money, toward a Fund for the Support of a Master [illegible] with the Encouragement of Mr. Moor's grant and such [illegible] as we may receive [illegible] of the Kings [illegible] Professing [illegible] Advis'd by Gentlemen Learned in the Law of Some kind of Incorporation by Civil Authority is Necessary, & by the Advice of his Hon[ou]r our late Gov[erno]r Wolcott [illegible] consulted ye Hon[oura]ble Wm. Smith Esqr. of N. York who Advises of an Incorporation [illegible] but proposes two methods 1. by a Delegation of ye [illegible] part of these [illegible] or 2. by two Setts of Trustees [illegible] after the manner that Lands are [illegible] in the Southern Colonies, but Advises that an Incorporation from ye [illegible] is much more Eligible and we have considered ye [illegible] and Divided Sentiments of the present Day with respect to Religious Matters — that Either of the two former Methods proposed will not be so likely to Invite charitable Donations [illegible] that is [illegible] and that there are such political as well as Religious Reasons as we propose [illegible] will Induce His Majesty to incorporate us, if his Ear can be had. Accordingly we have prepared Materials for that Purpose and sent them to ye Care of the Rev. Presid[en]t Burr which we suppose are gone some weeks ago — the Duplicate to which I have sent to ye Care of Coll. Hinchman, Esqr. &c. —

The Education of these Boys when they came to me was little [illegible] to ye Rev. Mr. Brainerd, Myself. they have [illegible] and make good proficiency in learning. Nothing appears but ye [illegible] Expenses bestowed upon them will be to good Purpose Especially upon ye younger of them. I have had Some [illegible] of particular Gentlemen [illegible] I have sent for [illegible] Another, whom Mr. Brainerd thinks to be full as likely as Either of these [illegible] [illegible]

Letter to Coll. Hinchman and the Hon. Commissrs. in Boston.

Hon. Gentlemen

Mr. Occom is now with [illegible] and has [illegible] his circumstances [illegible] and [illegible] he [illegible] the School and [illegible] is obliged to [illegible] his family [illegible] that ye Indians [illegible] [illegible] that he can [illegible] he can keep [illegible] obliged to [illegible] for [illegible] and Says that notwithstanding all ye care and [illegible] he is [illegible] about £[illegible] in Debt [illegible] [illegible] he also Says that [illegible] Father [illegible] of the Bible [illegible] other Books [illegible] [illegible] Religion [illegible] [illegible] to ye Indians [illegible] [illegible]

Revd. [illegible]

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Samson Occom