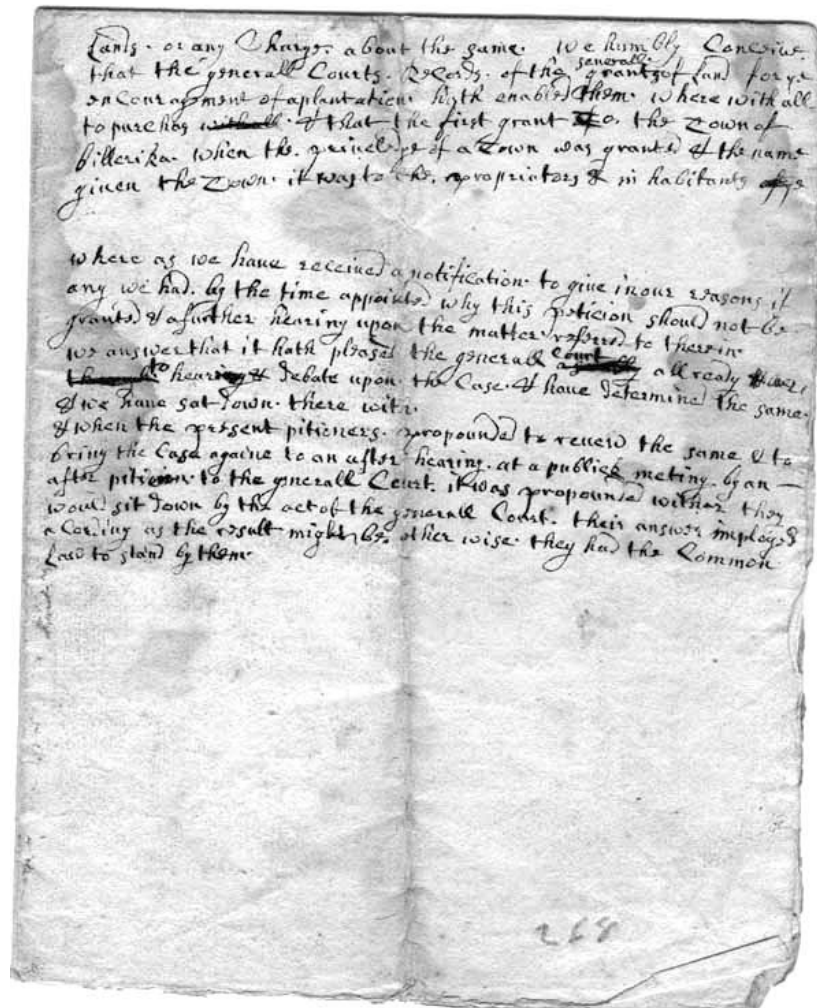


of Town [? & sterns] knows very well. that ye strip & spoils
was made by [?some] that call them selved propriators.
& as to the wrong done to father by Children by ye last act. for
that it hath bene solved a mong our selvs.
& where as it is asserted they are deprived of the liberty of
[?princlide] of ye law we humbly conceive our Town grant was
not only up to the petitioners but unto other ^proprieters
inhabitants for the in couragement of ye planters & is here as it
is aserted that the non propriatorssso called or the former
petitioners never paid one penny to wards the purseuing of
these



lands or any charges about the same. We humbly conceive that the general Courts records of the ^{severall} grants of land for y^e encouragement of a plantation hath enabled them. Where with all to purchas & that the first grant o the Town of billerica when the priveledge of a town was granted & the name given the Town it was to the propriators & inhabitants of y^e

where as we have received a notification to give in our reasons if any we had by the time appointed why this petition should not be granted & a further hearing upon the matter referred to therein we answer that it hath pleased the general Court all ready to hear & debate upon the case & have determined the same & we have sat down there with.

& when the present pitioners propounded to renew the same & to bring the case againe to an after hearing at a publick meting by an--- after pition to the generall Court it was propounded whither they would sit down by the act of the generall Court. their answer employed a cording as the result might be otherwise they had the Common Law to stand by them.