

ing a settlement about three miles from the Montauk point light house.

The value of the property is estimated at more than a million of dollars. It was sold by Mr. Benson for \$600,000 to the Long Island Railroad company several years ago. It is said that Senator George F. Hoar of Massachusetts and Attorney F. M. Morrison of Worcester, in the same state, are also interested in behalf of the Indians.

There are not more than a dozen of the descendants of the Indian tribe living and some of these are half breeds, but they allege in their complaint that the tribal organization under both law and treaty is still maintained and that Wyandack Pharaoh is the chief and king of the tribe. They further claim to be and to have been in actual possession of the land for a long time prior to the commencement of this action.

Arthur Benson of Brooklyn obtained possession of the property twelve or fifteen years ago by purchase, as he claimed, of the white and Indian proprietors at a cost, it was alleged, of about \$150,000. The sheep and cattle growers of Easthampton have turned out their cattle to graze on these lands for generations and they have usually paid a small tribute to the Indians for its use.

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