OLD KENT

Notes Illustrative of the Early Records OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND BY GEORGE A. HANSON, M. A.

SEC. 7. It would appear that there were no colonists of Maryland living upon the mainland of the Eastern Shore as early as the year 1650, and probably none in 1652.

Henry Morgan was one of the Judges, at the Court held in the month of January , 1650, O. S. Francis Lumbard was sheriff in the year 1650. In the month of January, 1650, O. S. Walter Weeks, "of ye County of Northumberland," gave a bill of sale to Geo. Croutch of the Isle of Kent County "for one or more cattle upon the Island."

At this period of our history the word "cattle" is often written "chattel."

SEC. 7. A. HENRY MORGAN was sheriff in 1648. (SEC. 2. E.) He was a noble, generous-hearted man. We shall hereafter see that "for the tyme of eight weeks he harbored in his house, cherished and kept with meat, drink and attendance in the time of his last sickness Valorous Leo and was at Charges in funeral Expenses." The following extract from a patent will show when he settled in Kent, and may give a clue to the place of habitation of the Indians.

"Know ye that we for and in consideration that Henry Morgan of the Island of Kent in our said province of Maryland, planter, transported himself into that our said province in the year 1637 * * * do give, grant and Enfeoff unto him the said Henry Morgan his heirs and assigns all that parcell of Land upon the said Island adjoining to his plantation, Bounding on the West with a line drawn North from a Marked Oak standing near the head of a Creek called Whatapeake Creek for the length of 125 perches on the North with a Line drawn East and by North from the End of the former Line into a creek called Long Creek, On the East with the said Creek, On the South with Matapeak Creek, Containing and now laid out for one hundred acres more or less," &c.

Given at St. Mary's under the great seal of our province of Maryland the seventeenth Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and fifty. Witness our said Lieutenant."

WILLIAM STONE
and seal.

Liber A. No. 1. fols. 3 & 4.

SEC. 8. The following extract contains the first recorded evidence of the planting of an orchard in Kent county, now so celebrated for its fruit. The extract is from a lease of John Winchester of the Isle of Kent of one hundred acres of Land to Francis Barnes, dated 12th August 1650, wherein the said Francis Barnes binds himself as follows: "I the said Francis Barnes do hereby bind myself to seat and plant the said Land this next Ensuing Yeare and to plant an orchard of twenty Apple Trees, ten pear trees, twenty peach trees and twenty Cherry trees and to make a fence about the same and keep it in repair."

Liber A. No. 1. fol. 7.

State of Maryland, Kent County, Sct:

I hereby certify that the aforegoing (contained in sections 7A. and 8) are true and correct extracts, taken from LIBER A. No. 1, For transcribing Old Records, fols. 3, 4 and 7, a Land Record of Kent County.

In testimony whereof I here- (SEAL) unto set my hand and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Kent County, on this twenty-second day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk

SEC. 8. A. Col. Edward Wilkins, of this county, had at one time one hundred and forty-five thousand fruit trees growing in his several orchards.

1651-52

SEC. 8. B. Our ancestors were careful in recording their cattle-marks. The following is an illustration of the manner in which it was done, by virtue of "An Order for recording the Mark of Cattle and Hogs." Act of 1650, Chap. xiii.

"January, 22, 1651, Thos. Marsh, gent, his mark of hogs and Cattle:—Both ears swallow-tailed, and no other mark." Fol. 26.

SEC. 9. "At a Court held at St. Mary's 26th January, Anno Domini 1651, Present, GOVERNOR WM. STONE, Esqr., ROBERT BROOKE, Capt. John Price, Mr. Thos. Genrralt, &c. Upon Mr. Morgan's petition (this day exhibited by Mr. Francis Brocke, his Attorney) to be relieved for certain fees and charges due to him, who was the Sheriff of Kent, by ye late imprisonment of Thomas Bradnox for felony, who was acquitted therein upon ye trial, as was alleged; and ye question being from whom ye said fees and charges are due; this Court is clearly of opinion, and doth order, that Thomas Bradnox ye prisoner shall pay such fees and charges belonging to ye Sheriff (to be moderated and allowed by ye Commissioners and Commander at Kent), as were duly incurred by reason of ye said imprisonment, and he to be at liberty to seek his relief against ye prosecutors, being quitted upon ye trial."

"Copia vera, Tho. Hatton Secre.
Folio 35.

SEC. 9. A. The preceding is an extract from the Record of the Provincial Court transferred to the Record of Kent. (See Sec. 1. B.

SEC. 9. B. For "the names of people come out of England, and arrived in Maryland, June 30, 1650, at the cost and charge of Robert Brooke Esq." See "The Day-Star," p. 74.

SEC. 10. "At a Court holden in Kent County on ye 12th January, 1651:

Present,

Capt. ROBT. VAUGHAN, Commander,
Mr. PHILLIP CONNER,
Mr. NICHOLAS BROWNE,
Mr. HENRY MORGAN,
Mr. THOMAS BRADNOX,
Mr. THOMAS RINGGOLD,
Mr. JOSEPH WICKES,
Fol. 38. Commissioners.

SEC. 10. A. THOMAS RINGGOLD, JOSEPH WICKES. This is the earliest mention I have found of these two distinguished gentlemen. Their names will frequently occur. I will speak of them at length hereafter.

SEC. 11. It appears that "ague" was upon Kent Island as early as 1651. Fol. 61.

Thomas Marsh "was chirurgeosn" in 1651. Fol. 36.

SEC. 12. "The Inventory of Robt. Short,

20th Nov., 1651."	lbs. of tob.
Imprimis, for one gun	250.
For one small bed, with a canvass ticking, and 2 old blankets	140.
For one pair of shoes, 20. for some old lumber, 90,	110.
For an old frying pan, 8; and a cow and calf, 600	608.
For a heifer of 2 years old, and something more in calf	400.
For a 3 years old bull, 500; an old " " " " split in the back, and the bottom of an iron pot	515.
For one yearling bull, 200	200.
For one cow, and a two years old heifer, and one yearling heifer	1300.
	3523.

Sworn appraisers
Robt. X. Martinx
Ruh. X. Blunt.
Folio 75.

SEC. 12. A. Speaking of these times Bacon says, "The Troubles subsisting between the King and Parliament, which like a furious Inundation had over-run the Mother Country, could not fail to affect her distant Sons with the Agitation of the contending Waves; whose violent and repeated Shocks, were severely felt in every Part of this hapless Infant Colony. The ordinance of October 3rd, 1650, of which I have spoken, had unsettled the minds of the people; and the whole atmosphere was charged with alarming reports of the dissolution of the colonial government. The Puritans emboldened by the "reports" in circulation refused to send delegates to the General Assembly called to meet at St. Mary's in March 1650 O. S. Mr. Edward Lloyd who had been appointed to be "Commander of Ann Arundel County on the 30th July 1650 O. S., sent a message to the General Assembly then sitting at St. Mary's, which produced great uneasiness to the government of Maryland, and gave great displeasure to Lord Baltimore, to whom a detailed statement was transmitted. The Lord Proprietary returned a lengthy reply, dated the 26th day of August 1651. "To our right trusty and well beloved WILL'M. STONE Esqr., our lieutenant of our said province of Maryland, and to our right trusty and well beloved, the upper and lower houses of our general assembly there, and to all other our officers and inhabitants of our said province greeting: We cannot but much wonder at a message which we understood was lately sent by one Mr. Lloyd from some lately seated at Ann Arundel within our said province, * * * but we are unwilling to impute either to the sender or the deliverer thereof so malign a sense of ingratitude and other ill affections as it may seem to bear, conceiving rather that it proceeded from some apprehensions in them at that time grounded upon some reports in those parts of a dissolution or resignation here of our patent and right to that province, which might perhaps for the present make them doubtful what to do, till they had more certain intelligence thereof from hence, and we hope they are as willing as we that we should so understand it, whenever we shall be the more confirmed, if upon finding by letter this year from their friends here, (and in particular from Mr. Harrison) those rumors and reports to be false, (as they are) which we are informed were spread there by some ill affected persons, they shall for the future give us better satisfaction of their intentions and integrity towards us, not only by conforming themselves with the rest of the inhabitants to the general government of that province, under which they did voluntarily put themselves, but also by concurring in all reasonable things with us for the public peace and happiness. * * * * We do therefore, will and require you our said lieutenant and council to use your best endeavors upon all proper occasions for the timely suppression of all such false rumors and reports as aforesaid, and to find out the authors and publishers thereof, and to cause them to be punished according to their demerits; and we also recommend it to the consideration of our general assembly there, whether it be not convenient to make a law in that province, as there is in England, for the punishment of all such as shall publish false news to the disturbance of the minds of the people and the publick peace," etc.

1652-53.

SEC. 13. In the year 1652 Mark Benton "petitioned against Robt. Vaughan for order from the Court for his freedom, with corne and clothes." The Court decided in his favor. Folio 52.

SEC. 13. A. ALSOP was evidently what Shakespeare would call a BULLY-BOY, in a cornfield, with all that it implies. (See 'Merry Wives of Windsor.'—Shakespeare.) This is what he says about the servants in Mary-Land. "He that lives in the nature of a Servant in this Province must serve but four years by the Custom of the Country; and when the Expiration of his time speaks him a Freeman, there's a Law in the Province, that enjoyns his Master whom he hath served to give him Fifty Acres of Land, Corn to serve him a whole year three Suits of Apparel, with things necessary to them, and Tools to work withall; so that they are no sooner free, but they are ready to set up for themselves, and when once entered they live passingly well."

"The WOMEN that go over into the Province as Servants, have the best luck here as in any place of the world besides; for they are no sooner on shoar, but they are courted into a Copulative Matrimony, which some of them (for aught I know) had they not come to such a Market with their Virginity, might have kept it by them until it had been mouldy, unless they had let it out by a yearly rent to some of the Inhabitants of Lewknor's-Lane or made a Deed of Gift of it to Mother Coney, having only a poor stipend out of it, until the Gallows or Hospital called them away. Men have not altogether so good luck as Women in this kind, or natural preferment, without they be good Rhetoricians, and well versed in the Art of perswasion, then (probably) they may ryvet themselves in the time of Servitude into the private and reserved favour of their Mistress if Age speak their Master deficient."

"The Merchant commonly before they go aboard the Ship, or set themselves in any forwardness for their Voyage, has Conditions of Agreement drawn between him and those that by a voluntary consent become his Servants, to serve him, his Heirs or Assigns, according as they in their primitive acquaintance have made their bargain, some two, some three, some four years; and whatever the Master or Servant tyes himself up to here in England by Condition, the Laws of the Province will force a performance of when they come there: Yet here is this Priviledge in it when they arrive. If they dwell not with the Merchant they made their first agreement withall, they may choose whom they will serve their prefixed time with; and after their curiousity has pitcht on one whom they think fit for their turn, and that they may live well withall, the Merchant makes an Assignment of the Indenture over to him whom they of their free will have chosen to be their Master, in the same nature as we here in England (and no otherwise) turn over Covenant Servants or Apprentices from one Master to another. Then let those whose chaps are always breathing forth their filthy dregs of abusive exclamations, which are Lymbeckt from their sottish and preposterous brains, against this Country of Mary-Land, saying, That those which are transported over thither, are sold in open Market for Slaves, and draw in Carts like Horses; which is so damnable an untruth, that if they should search to the very Center of Hell, and enquire for a Lye of the most ancient and damned stamp, I confidently believe they could not find one to parallel this: For know, that the Servants here in Mary-Land of all Colonies, distant or remote Plantations, have the least cause to complain, either for strictness of Servitude, want of Provisions, or need of Apparel: Five dayes and a half in the Summer weeks is the allotted time that they work in; and for two months, when the Sun predominates in the highest pitch of his heat, they claim an antient and customary Priviledge, to repose themselves three hours in the day within the house, and this is undeniably granted to them that work in the Fields."

SEC. 14. On the 2nd of June 1652, the Surveyor General issued the following address to the people of Kent county:

"WHEREAS divers inhabitants of this County of Kent have several warrants to survey land yet unreserved, whereby they fear some danger or prejudice may come to them, in relation to their land, I ROBERT CLARKE, Surveyor General of this Province, do hereby promise to make good all such warrants, wherein it shall appear, I am deficient, until such time, as I can come, and perform the service."

ROBERT CLARKE
Surveyor General."

"To the Inhabitants
of the Isle of Kent."
Recorded this 15th
of June, 1652." Fol. 44.

SEC. 15. JOHN GOULD, aged 40 or thereabouts, sworne and examined in Court, saith: That your deponent did carry home a suit of curtains to Francis Brights, by order from his Master, Mr. Carlyen; after which time your deponent did see about half a yard of Francis Bright's stuff at his Master's house; and further saith not."

JOHN I GOULD.
mark.
Fol. 44.

SEC. 15. A. There are many curious entries like the above, standing isolated and without any explanation.

SEC. 16. In 1652 a hogshead of Tobacco contained 300 lbs. In the same year St. Mary's is called by Kent Islanders, "Maryland." To prevent the case between Major Joseph Wickes and Doct. Th. Ward being heard there, an arbitration is made by Thos. Marsh and Jno. Russell. Fol. 57.

Thos. Hynson was Clerk of the County of Kent in 1652. Fol. 49-57 (8).

Agricultural Notes

CROP LOAN PERIOD ENDS

The period in which applications for loans from Uncle Sam for "Crop Production in 1933" through the Department of Agriculture ended April 29th. The Kent Crop Production Loan Committee approved fourteen applications for a total of $2055. The money to be used in Kent to enable farmers to "carry on" their crop production plans within set regulations and reductions of acreages. While no one was urged to borrow, there is no doubt that the money from these loans will do much to help farmers off to a good start by enabling them to get seed and fertilizer, fuel for tractors, spray material, etc., all of which are essential to normal and practical farming. Two Thousand Dollars is not much but each additional dollar put into circulation and use means more and better business for Kent.

Not more than half the farmers inquiring regarding the loans made applications. The loans through the Department of Agriculture were much more popular than the loans available from the R. F. C. through the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation.

Dust Tomato Plants

Tomato plants are subject to insect attack as soon as they come up. Plants are late due to cold, wet weather. Therefore every precaution should be taken to protect them from flea beetle, potato beetles, horn worms, etc. The copper-arsenate-lime dusts as used so successfully in combating Mexican Bean Beetle are effective. Such dusts are sold under trade names such as "20-20-60" and "Niagara D 20." Flea beetles will attack as the plants come through the ground. They often cause very poor stands of plants. Dusting is good insurance. Those who buy plants can protect them by dipping them in Bordeaux Mixture (to which 1 lb. arsenate of lad is added to 50 gallons of Bordeaux) just before planting. Do not keep the plants in bundles after dipping. Home-made Bordeaux can be used or commercial bordeaux preparation with add edpoison can be used according to manufacturers directions.

Ten Ton Tomato Club

The contest to stimulate interest in the use of approved methods of tomato growing and liberal use of fertilizer as a means of economical roduction (resulting from heavy yields per acre of qaulity tomatoes) is again being fostered by the Extension Service and the Tri-State Packers Association. Certificates are issued to those who qualify by producing ten or more tons per acre. Prizes and trips are available to the State winners.

The contest is a valuable demonstration of the importance of early set lants of resistant varieties which have proved their quality and yielding ability; of proper preparation of the field; of shallow cultivation; of insect control; o liberal use o high quality fertilizer, etc.

The County Agent seeks entrants in this contest. No embarrassment results. The contest idea appeals, economical production of quality tomatoes results—send in your name.

Litter Contest On

County Agent McVean is receiving entries for the pork production contest known as 'The 150 Day-Fifteen Hundred Pound Litter Contest. Liberal prizes are awarded. Cheap pork is produced and emphasis is placed on the use of well bred swine, properly fed and good management practices used. The farmer enters a sow and her litter (one or more) in an effort to make the marked and identified litter reach a weight of 1500 lbs. within a period of 150 days after birth. See the County Agent for application blanks and further details.

J. D. McVean, County Agent.

HALF BILLION IN GAS TAXES IN 1932

CONSUMPTION INCREASES IN MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

State gasoline and motor fuel taxes and licenses for the sale of gasoline yielded a total revenue of more than $514,000,000 in 1932 according to reports collected from State authorities by the Bureau of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Agriculture. More than 14 billion gallons furnished power for motor vehicles. The tax was at an average rate of 3.6 cents per gallon. Consumption of gasoline declined 7.5 percent from the previous year. Delaware and Maryland were the only States reporting increased consumption.

The total revenue was allocated as follows: To State highways, $301,788,231; to local roads, $98,073,954; to State and county road bond payments, $50,726,362; to city streets, $16,776,050; to costs to collection and administration, $2,832,820; and to other than highway purposes, $47,941,483.

The average gasoline tax rate per gallon in the 48 state and the District of Columbia was 4.3 on December 31st, 1932. The rate range d from 2 cents per gallon in D. C, Rhode Island, Missouri and Connecticut, to 7 cents per gallon in Tennessee and Florida.

The State of Maryland received a total revenue in 1932 from gasoline tax of $7,500,232 which represented a 4 cent tax on 187,505,794 gallons of gasoline. At an average price of 15 cents a gallon, the gasoline business of Maryland represented $28,125,869.10. This amount is independant of gasoline used on farms, in pleasure motor boats, for cleaning purposes, etc., for which there was no tax. The gasoline sales in Maryland during 1931 represented a increase over last year of .9 per cent.

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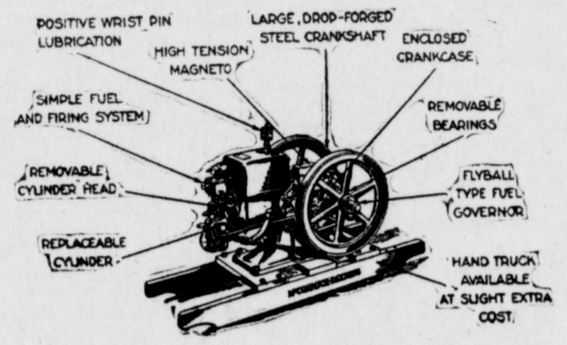
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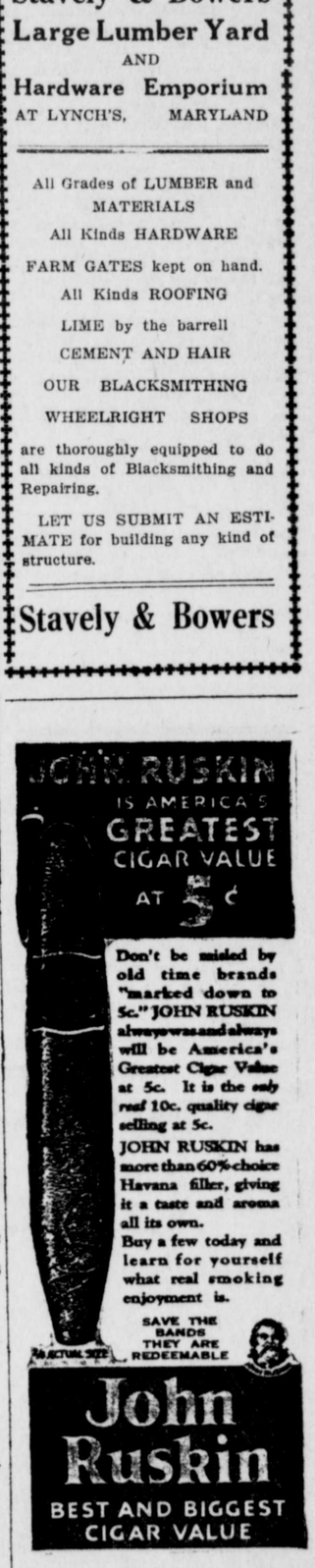
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