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

SEC. 37. February 2d, 1652, I ROBERT CLARKE, Gentleman and Surveyor Generall, of this Province, do hereby attest that in the year 1640 I did survey and lay out unto William Brantwell Gent and Thomas Bradnox, planter ten thousand Acres of Land upon the Northermost part of the Isle of Kent commonly called Love Point, in the year 1650. The said Thomas Bradnox to Invite Inhabitants to seatt the said Island did lay down his rights of 1400 Acres of Land, now posses't of other Tennants, that he might have his Right, in some other place, the truth hereof is known to divers of the Inhabitants as well as to my self.

ROBT. CLARKE Survr. Genll.
PHILLIP CONNER.
JOHN RUSSELL. Fol. 64.

SEC. 38. The Clerk of the Court in 1652 signs his name THOM'S HYNSON, SEN. Folio 66.

1653-54.

SEC. 39. The following is a curious and interesting epistle:

For the Worl. Mr. Philip Conner, and Mr. Thos. Ringgold, and rest of the Commissioners,

Gentlemen:

My dear respects to you being remember'd, I would entreat you to take into your serious consideration, the griefs and sorrows, w'ch I have sustained, and do sustain, through my great oversight, caused by My infirmity, I committed in Court, in using very unfitting language, which I can confess, I am very sorry for. But I hope, the measure of grief is no further good, than it makes way for joy; for a bad action salved up with a free forgiveness, is at not done; and as a bone once broke, is stronger after well setting, so is love after reconcilement. I know, how easy it is to detest some faults in others, w'ch we flatter in ourselves; for, in the best Men, nature is Partial in itself.

Therefore it is good to sentence others' frailties, with the remembrance of our own. But, God Willing, it shall be my duty hereafter to keep myself from all violent passion, w'ch causeth discontent, knowing, that all things happen from Him (from?) Whom Himself came.

I pray, look upon the crosses and wants that God hath laid upon me at present, withal, having lost almost all my hogs, and the greater part of my cattle, being wanting and dead. Yet methinks, I see some men, ready to add to my afflictions, rather than to yield me any comfort in my sorrow.

The end, for which I write these lines unto you, is that you would be pleased to remit the fines that were laid upon me for my offence committed; and it shall be understood, a thankfulness, from him, that is,

Yr. poor friend to love you
ROBT. VAUGHAN.

Kent, the 1st of
April, 1653.

The Commissioners in consideration that Capt. Vaughan "submitteth himself" and acknowledged "his offences to be from frailty," and also considering the sorrow he hath expressed and the "losses" he has "suffered," "freely remit" the fines for his "misdeameanors" to the Court, "in 1652," so far as it lies in their power, with an "earnest admonition unto him, to be careful to keep his promises, in his petition, not to run himself into the like proermunices." Fols. 72 & 73.

SEC. 39. A. Capt. Robert Vaughan will again make his personal appearance, to the reader, on the 24th day of November 1668, as the Chief Justice of Kent county. A short time after, 26th Jan. 1668 O. S. a suit was instituted by "Mrs. Mary Vaughan, the Relict of Capt. Robt. Vaughan." He was bold, capable, generous and impulsive: his very virtues led him into error, and tempted him to express, at all times and everywhere, his honorable indignation at a supposed wrong, or slight to himself or others. This, often, got him into trouble, unpleasantnesses; but his impulses were always in the right, though his words were as frequently in the wrong, and the moment he discovered that he had wounded unnecessarily the feelings of another, he was unhappy until he had made full atonement. We seldom like such men; but we always love them, when we know them.

SEC. 40. Among the proceedings of the Court, which was holden 3d August 1653 is recorded the following:

August ye 15th 1652.

FORASMUCH as I FRANCIS LUMBARD of the Isle of Kent, planter, stand Indebted unto Thomas Marsh, Merchant the sum of five thousand seven hundred thirty six lbs. of Tobacco due in the year Anno 1651 upon all demands as by the said Marshes book of accounts may appear,

Know ye, then, that I, the aforesaid Lumbard, have and do for the security and payment of the afsd sum, make over and do by these presents bind and make Over all my whole Estate now or at any other time visible to him or his assignes, from me, my heirs, Executors or Assignes, And do further acknowledge my whole Estate to be his and to be disposed of as he shall think fitt untill such time as his debt be fully satisfied and do by these presents own and acknowledge a Judgment made of the premises before Mr. Thoms. Ringgold, Justice in Court with many other sdeputed the Day and Year above written.

FRANCIS LUMBARD.

Witness
John Browne
Thos: Ringgold.

At the same Court Francis Lumbard, for neglect of duty, was removed from the Office of Hgh Sheriff, and Thomas Bradnox appointed, in his place, with full power to execute the office in every particular, except in the name of "THE HONORABLE STATES OF THE COMMONWEATLH OF ENGLAND, instead of the Lord Proprietarys name. This appointment was confirmed as we will see, by the Governor, "in the Lord Proprietary's name." The early practice seems to have been, for the County Courts to appoint both the Clerk and Sheriff; and in some instances, as in the case of Capt. Bradnox, a subsequent Commission was issued by the Governor.

SEC. 41. By the Lieutenant General, and Governor of Maryland.

THESE ARE IN THE LORD PROPRIETARY'S NAME, and according to the Power given unto me, by his said Lordship in that behalf; And out of the special trust and confidence by me reposed in the fidelity, integrity, and ability of Mr. THOS. BRADNOX, of the Isle of Kent County, within the Province of Maryland, in that behalf, to give notive unto all persons, whom it may concern, that I do hereby elect, constitute, and appoint him the said Thos. Bradnox to be High Sheriff of the said County, to act, do, and receive, as fully in evry respect, and to all intents and purposes, as to the said County, or any other County within this Province, dot hany wise of right belong or appertain; to have and to the said office, and the benefits thereunto belonging as aforesaid, to him the said Thomas Bradnox, for the term of one whole year next, after the publication hereof, in the County Court of the said Island; unless his said Lordship, or his heirs, Lords and Proprietaries of this Province, or his or their Lieutenant, here for the time being, shall in the meanwhile signify his or their pleasure to the contrary; further hereby charging and requiring the Commander and Commissioners of the said Island of Kent County, and the rest of the inhabitants, that they do admit of, permit, and suffer him the said Thos. Bradnox peaceably to execute and enjoy the said office, to all intents and purposes before mentioned, as they will answer to the contrary at their peril:

And whereas I am given to understand that the said Thomas Bradnox * * * * * * * some hard measures of late concerning the * * * * and fees thereunto belonging, these are further also to will and require the said Commissioners, that upon his Complaint to the Court there, that they do apply themselves to do him right therein, if there be cause, as they ought.

Given at St. Mary's this fifteenth day of February, Anno Dom. 1653.

WILL. STONE.

Fol. 81-82.

NOTE.—As a probable explanation of the words which are missing, in the text, I refer the reader to Sec. 9, ante The above Commission was sent with the letter, following, in the next section.

SECTION 42.

MR. BRADNOX,

I have set you here inclosed a Commission from the Governor to be Sheriff of Kent, which I have drawn to your satisfaction as nere as I can; the Estate of him that kill'd himself is forfeited to the Lord Proprietary, but Mr. Marsh saith he can prove that it was Conveyed to him by the Decedent, before his death, for security of payment of a Debt due to Mr. Marsh. And if the Court of Kent find Just cause to believe Mr. Marsh, upon his demand therein, they may so far, as is Justifiable. The Estate otherwise to be secured for his Lordship's use by the Sheriff 'till his Lordship's receiver or myself do give direction for the Disposing thereof ;and what due ffees and Just and moderate Charges have been necessarily occasioned concerning the said Estate since the parties death are to be allow'd thereout.

The bearer hereof Mr. John Coursey, upon the Invitation of some friends comes amongst you to try his Fortune at Kent; his Quality and good Carriage will I know purchase Respect from all and especially from your self and Mrs. Bradnox, whose Curtisey and Respect to Strangers, Especially to those of the better sort hath never been wanting, and therefore I shall not need to use many words of Recommendation, in his behalf; but desiring together with my Wife to be kindly remembered to your self and Mistress Bradnox; rest

Yor Assured Loving friend
THO. HATTON.

St. Mary's February 1653.

The superscription,

To his much Respected Friend Mr. Thomas Bradnox, at the Isle of Kent in Maryland These.

Folio 91.

SEC. 42. A. On the first day of June 1653, John Deane conveyed, as security for a debt, to Mr. Thos. Marsh, fifty hogs, with the understanding, that the conveyance should be void, upon the carrying over to the house of the said Marsh, at "Severne," six and twenty hundred weight of good pork, or so many hogs as may "countervail" the weight. (Fol. 80) But John Deane was, still, living in 1656; and I therefore infer, as no other conveyance of an entire estate to Mr. Marsh is recorded in Liber A. No. 1 for some time before the suicide, but that of Mr. Lumbard (vide sec. 40) that the latter person is the Felo-de-se, to whom Mr. Hatton alludes. The inference is further strengthened and confirmed by the fact, that I have seen no trace of him upon the Records, subsequent to the date of the letter, except the following depositions:

The Deposition of Mr. THOMAS HILL, aged 50 or therabouts, sworne and Examined saith, to the best of his Knowledge and Remembrance Francis Lumbard made over his Estate unto Mr. Marsh about June in the year 1653. Fol. 92.

JOHN DEBB, aged 26, or thereabouts, sworne and Examined in Court saith the very same with Mr. Thomas Hill, only the time, as he Remembers, was in Cherry time, and further saith not. Fol. 92.

SEC. 43. Doct. THOS. WORD, who had married Elizabeth, the widow of Edward Comines, conveyed, in June 1653, four cattle to Thos. Marsh, of Severne, Merchant. Fol. 74.

SECTION 44.

"To the Worshl. the Comrs. of Kent: Thos. Marsh, Merchant, humbly showeth: That about the 16th of May last past, Mr. Nic Browne, being at the house of your petitioner, having received accommodation as becometh his worth, did most ungratefully requite me your petitioner with several most horrid defamations: First that I am the destroyer of a soul; and that, he would maintain; secondly, that he the said Mr. Browne had and did bear a mortal prejudice against the person of your petitioner; thirdly, he the said Browne did divers times affirm, that if I had my deserts, I should be hanged, with many other such like sad things, which he laid to my charge,—which has given me great cause not only to be dejected in myself, but also made infamous to all the world.

Now since not only my person, but my credit and life is brought to the bar of justice, blame me not for humbly craving your due observance of the charge against me, & your carefulness if the Examination of the Witnesses for me, by which means, justice upon trial may be administered, without any further obstruction; and your petitioner, as in duty bound shall pray." Folio 75.

There is no date to this Petition, which is recorded, between the proceedings of th April and those of the June Term of the Court, for the year 1653. And there is nothing, else, upon the Record to explain the case. Possibly it may have some reference to the suicide of Francis Lumbard, the sheriff.

With the above I close the notes I made for my own personal gratification, in 1865-66, from the First Part of Liber A Court Proceedings of Kent County. It would be a reckless venture, because unnecessary, to vouch for the absolute correctness of extracts made ten years ago, from a book I have not since seen. It is only necessary for me to say that at the time, I believed and still believe them to be correct; and as such I preserved them with great care, without any expectation or thought of ever publishing them, until Monday the first of March last, when it occurred to me they might interest others, fond of their native county, and instantly, I wrote a note to Mr. Eben Perkins asking his permission to use the columns of the Transcript. He very courteously consented, and on the following Thursday evening or Friday morning I handed to the Printer's Devil my first Communication, which appeared a week after in the issue of the 12th of that instant.

If my readers are not tired I will continue, for although the Printer, good easy man, as he is, and I, have some interesting diplomatic talks now and then, about the length of my weekly doses; he thinking they might be more edifying if shorter and I pleading for a little more ink and space to spread myself in, still, nevertheless I am getting fond of my hebdomadal visits to my friends, in spite of many discouragements. (13)

GALENA

Mr. James Ryan, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jarman.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hadley, Mrs. Richard Redding, Misses Nellie Dempsey, Kathryn Thornton attended the funeral of Mrs. Chester Davis, in Elmherst, Del.; last Thursday, Mrs. Davis formerly lived in Galena, Md.

The Ladies of the M. E. Church are planning to hold ice cream and cake sales each Saturday evening beginning beginning this Saturday, June 17.

Misses Frances Ruth, Kathryn Thornton entertained a number of friends at cards last Thursday evening the occasion being in honor of their birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cochran and family, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Wilson Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boyd and family, of Middletown, Del., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd.

Miss Helen Jones returned home last Saturday after spending a week with relatives in Baltimore, Md.

Dr. and Mrs. George R. J ones, Helen Jones, attended the Commencemnt Exercises at Washington College last Monday, their daughter, Elizabeth, was one of the graduates.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Deshane, Mrs. Annie Deshane, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Josphine Hicks, at Perry Point, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kratz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Salloway, Mr. and Mrs. George Salloway, of Wilmington, Del., attended the funeral of Mr. Edwin Chrisfield on Sunday last.

Rev. Father Walsh, had a House Party of 30 guests over the week end.

WORTON

Mrs. Rachel Crowding, of Baltimore, visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winkler, of Philadelphia, were the guests of their sons here over the week end.

Billy Beck Matthews, of Charlotte Hall, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews for the summer vacation and Miss Ann Matthews, of Palmyra, spent the week end here.

Mrs. Joseph Duyer visited her sisters, Mrs. Jack Hackett and Mrs. Mabel Armstrong, of Philadelphia last week end.

Mr. Herbert Ivens and friend, of West Englewood, N. J., visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Jane Cooper, of Baltimore, is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. James Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. John Money and little son, George Gilbert, of Kennedyville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Davis and daughter, of Baltimore, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason Tuesday.

TWEET! TWEET!

Mrs. Greene (at her first football game): "Oh, isn't it awful? Why, they will kill that poor boy underneath."

Daughter: "Don't be silly, mother! He doesn't mind it; he's unconscious by this time."

Facts And Figures On Your Telephone

By EDWIN F. HILL



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Telephone development in small towns and rural areas of America far exceeds that of all other countries of the world. International telephone and telegraph statistics, compiled by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, as of the first of last year, show that American communities of less than 50,000 population average 11.8 telephones for each 100 people. This, the report shows is greater than the total telephone density of any other country except Canada and even exceeds the number of telephone instruments in proportion to population in a majority of the large European cities.

The wide distribution of telephones throughout the United States is in marked contrast to the situation in foreign countries where telephone facilities are largely concentrated in the metropolitan areas.

The largest American cities have a greater number of telephones than are found in most European countries or in several entire continents. New York and Los Angeles together have more telephones than Great Britain. Chicago and Los Angeles together have more telephones than France, and New York alone has more telephones than all of France and Russia. The sum of the telephones in the two largest American cities is approximately equal to the combined telephones of Asia, Oceania and South America.

Obviously, there is still room for tremendous advances in telephone development in other countries before they approximate in extent the telephone facilities now available in the United States. Outside of North America, Europe is better equipped with telephones than any other continent, but the supply of European telephones is on a par with that prevailing in this country more than thirty years ago.

The practical interest which this survey of telephone development holds for Americans is emphasized by the fact that about 92 per cent of all the telephones in the world can be reached by telephone from any part of the United States.



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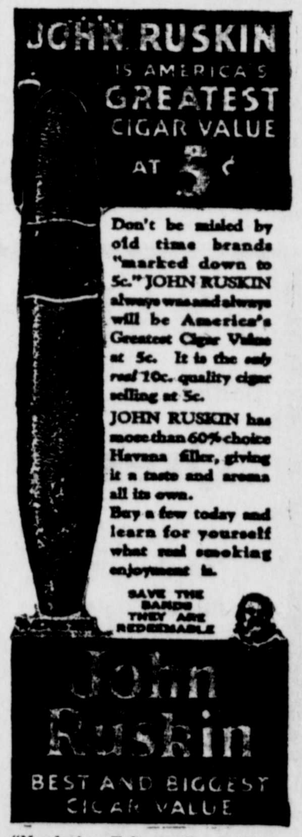
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