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KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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SECTION 68. Know all men by these presents that I, Wm. Leeds of the Isle of Kent, planter have bargained, sould & made over unto John Erickson of the Isle of Kent planter, his heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, all my Right, title & interest of my part of the plantation Adioninge unto Land of Mr. Thomas Ward with all the housinge and privilidges belonging unto my part of the paintation; And I, the aforesd Wm. Leeds doe bind myselffe my heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns to give & deliver unto the aforesd John Erickson his heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigne as good an Assurance as to my selfe belongs. Only the sd Wm. Leeds is to have grounde cleared for seaven thousand plantes & housinge to Cure it in, And to have the privilidge to abide in the plantation from the date hereof untill the next Crope after this is fully finisht which will be in the yeare of our Lord 1656, only that I, the sd William Leeds am to help build soe much housinge as shall be wantinge for to Cure my Crope in, the sayd John Erickson to bee at the Charge of workmen & nailes & Carpenters diet; & then the sd Erickson is to Enjoy & possess the same, his heirs or Assigns for ever & for the true performance hereof I have here unto set my hand this tenth day of September 1655. WM. LEEDS.

SECTION 69.

In the name of God Amen.

I, Edward Tarrant, beinge very sicke of bodie, but of perfecte sence and Memory thanks bee to God, doth now make my last will and Testament in manner and form folowinge,

I bequeath my bodie to ye ground and my soul unto God that give it, in Confident hope of a Joyful Ressurrection to live forever, with Christ my Redeemer.

I give and bequeath my Estate, after my Just debts are satisfied, unto my sister Rebeca and my sister Elizabeth and my Nurst in Bristol to bee equally divided betweene them, only one hogshead of tobacco unto Capt. Joseph Wickes for his tender Care, of me in my sickness, whom I doe by this my last Will and Testament appoint my Overser, In trust to see this my will performed, as also I give unto Charles Stuard three of my hoggs, and unto this my last Will and Testament I have sett my hand this 21st of November 1655.

Witnes—Jos Wickes
Charles Stuart.

This Will proved in Open Court by the testimony of Charles Stuart and Capt. Joseph Wickes. November 29th, 1655.

T. me Tho: Hill, Clar.

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SECTION 70.

11th Men 1: 1655.

At a Court holden for Kent January the first 1655 at ye house of Mr. Thos. Hynson high Sheriffe for the Countie.

Present—Mr. Philip Conier
Mr. Joseph Wickes
Mr. Henry Morgan
Capt. Jno. Russell
Mr. Wm. Eliot.

(1.) Tho. Hill senior havinge petitioned ye Court & made his Right of Land appear under Mr. Tho. Hatton's hand formerly secreary, late deceased, for one Thousand Ackers, declaringe his Intent to enter Caviet accordinge to an Act of Assembly no. 28; which was not denied, but Assented too.

The sd Tho. Hill doth therefore Enter a Caviet for a Certain tract of Land, bounded to the Southward with that plantation formerly Copedge's & now in ye possession of Jno. Salter; To ye Westward with ye head of the Bay side plantations; Beunded to the Northward one end of this slice of Land extending North to ye Cabin Work; Bounded on the East side (at the lower or South end) with Longe Creeke, the which land hee enters a Saviet for as a part of ye forementioned Rights of one thousand Ackers; groundinge ye sd Entrance upon ye Act of Assembly no. 28.

(2.) Mr. Henry Carline Complaines against Mr. Tho. Ward ffor Certaine beare (beer) and wine which hee had of him, that is not hitherto payd for, nor any way satisfied; The sd Ward acknowledginge ye Complaint, & ye debt made appeare to bee one hundred & twelve pounds of tobacco.

The Court doth therefore Order that present payment be made of the one hundred and twelve pounds of tobacco with Court Charges els Execution.

(3.) Thomas Witherell hath made his Complaint that the Estate of Nicolus Browne deceased is indebted to him twoe hundred pounds of tob. and hath proved his complaint; The Court doth therefore Order that Present payment bee made of the twoe hundred pounds of tobacco, out of ye Estate of ye sayd Browne, els Execution.

(4.) Anthony Caloway havinge made his Complaint or declaration by way of petition; That two men belonginge to Accomacke, named Tho. Price & Wm. Johnson not long since came upon this Island & carried away Contrarie to an Act of Assembly one Robert Gamer, which standeth indebted to your petitioner by bill three hundred & fifty pounds of tob, and one barrell and a half of Indian Corne, And your petitioner begs an Attachment upon their boat & saill with twoe Oares: Hee humbly Craves an Order for present payment acordinge to ye sd Act.

The Deposition of John Winchester, aged 29 yeares or thereabouts, sworne Examined & saith.

Interrogatarie first. Whether Price & Johnson Carried away Gamer & where he was landed?

Ans. Gamer went in their boat, with them, and landed to the best of their knowledge at ye head of Elke River.

2. Intr. Whether ye boat was not designed to ye head of Elk River before they went off ye Island?

Ans. No: but to goe to Swane Island.

3. Intr. By whom & whether you were hired to bring or Carie the boat or men?

Ans. Noe: we were not hired.

The deposition of Henrie Telion, aged 26 years or thereabouts, sworne, Examined and saith the same which ye sd Winchester doth afirm or ans., being likewise Examined upon ye same Interrogatories.

The Complaint, Charge & debt beinge made appeare by two sufficient witnesses.

The Court doth therefore Order that seissure by way of Execution be made upon ye sd boat, sails, & Oares for ye satisfaction of ye sd debt of three hundred & fiftie pounds of tob. & one barrell & a halfe of Indian Corne with Court Charges.

(5.) Mr. Loid having moved the Court against Capt. Russell for a debt of five hundred eighty one pound of tob. which the said Loid proved is due upon this ground that ye sd Russell was ye Cause of Conveighannce of one Gamer out of ye Province, Contrarie to an Act of Assembly the which Gamer was indebted to this plaintiff;

Capt. Russell desires the Action may be removed or an Appeal to the Court at Severn, Which the Court is pleased to graunt.

(6.) Whereas the Court hath received Information that Edward Yyers hath trangrest the law in the breach of an Act of Assembly; Evidence followeth:

The deposition of Mr. Isake Ilive, aged 40 yeares or thereabouts, sworne, Examined & saith,—That Ned Kyers Cominge to his house in October last went into the tobacco house to loock for a sticke, that he left there, & in going kild a Turkey & brought it into ye deponent's house & sayd hee had shot a Turkey, & holding his hand on his face, sayd his gun had hurt his face, and sayd to your deponent, if you will give mee two shots of pouder & shot, you shall have ye turkey; & sayd further; I'll goe out againe & you shall have more shooting againe, all this was upon a Sabbath day; and further saith not.

ISA. ILIVE.

James Horner, aged 43 yeares or thereabouts, sworne, examined and saith, In all particulars ye same which is declared in ye former Deposition and further saith not. Signed JAMES I H HORNER.

(7.) James Horner Compaines against ye Estate of Mr. Nicolas Browne for three dayes work, & hath made appear that his Complaint is Just and true.

The Court doth therefore Order that present payment bee made to ye plaintiff for ye three days work, twenty pounds a days, els Execution. (32)

21 GUN SALUTE

WHY THE PRESIDENTIAL SALUTE OF TWENTY-ONE GUNS

This question was asked many times during the interesting ceremonies which took place in Chestertown, Saturday, October the twenty-first. The question was not, why the salute, but what the significance of the number 21, as the President of the United States arrived at the indescribably beautiful exercises which took place at Washington College on that day.

A writer in the Baltimore Sun, gives the following interesting data in connection with the question asked:

"As to why the salute consists of twenty-one guns, and what is the significance of the number, the following notes contain all of the information on this subject on file in the office of the Navy Department:

"The maximum number of guns to be fired as a courtesy salute from a warship of England, France or Holland to a land battery or fort in a foreign harbor was in the sixteenth, seventeenth, and probably part of the eighteenth century seven guns. At that time it was difficult on board ship to preserve gunpowder in goodcondition. Idle expenditures of powder was forbidden. Land forts were authoried to return a foreign ship's salute three guns to one, as it was easier to preserve powder ashore than afloat. The adoption of the maximum salute a foreign ship's flag 21 guns later became the standard number, when powder became more plentiful and easier to keep.

Twenty-one guns has been adopted by all nations as the salute to the national flag or royal standard. That number was probably adopted not from any chance as to the number but by force of circumstances and as a limit beyond all inferior salutes.

In England the naval instructions between the years 1734,1790, authorized naval salutes to be fired of not to exceed 21 guns. Salutes have always been of odd guns. As nearly as can be ascertained to check the abuse of salutes. The number of guns was gradually fixed by different ranks increasing by twos, and when seventeen was arrived at the order was made not to exceed 21, except for royal persons, and when 19 was arrived at 21 was made definite. The salute of 21 guns orignated in 1838, when the number was decided on as a salute to the royal standard by a commission, and instructions were embodied in the Queen's regulations of that year. The British naval regulations of 1730, Article 22, states:

The anniversary days of the birth and accession and coronaton of the King & will be solemnized by his Majesty's ships with such number of guns as the chief officer shall think proper not exceeding 21 each ship.

The Kings regulations, 1913, Article 39, states:

All royal salutes are to consist of 21 guns.

Article 78 states:

The captain of a ship on anchoring at a foreign port, where there is a fort or battery, or where a ship of the nation may be lying, shall salute the national flag with 21 guns.

The president is entitled to salute of 21 guns. The United States naval regulations, 1913 state:

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Tommy—Yes, miss, I know—that's her husband.

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Hub—In the card sense, my dear. The deuce, you know, is the lowest possible cut.

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STONE-AGE STUNT



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Stony—Yep! It's made out of a couple of my wife's first biscuits.

Broadminded

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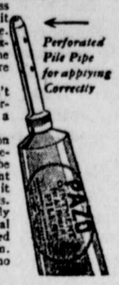
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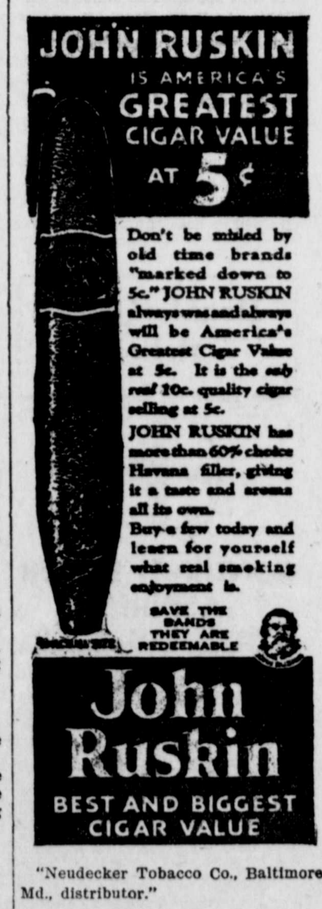
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