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Notes Illustrative of the Early Records
OF
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND
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SECTION 75. At a Court houlden for Kent Februarie ye first 1655 at Mr. Tho. Hynson's.

Present—Mr. Philip Conier
Capt. Jos. Wickes
Mr. Tho. Ringgold
Capt. Jno. Russell
Mr. Wm. Eliot
Mr. Hen. Carline

(1.) Mr. Tho. Bradnox Complaines agst Capt. Jos. Wickes for taking a Cannoe off his land. The Complaint not proved no Order past.

(2.) Tho. Hynson petitions ye Court agst. Jno. Dean, ffor one thousand twoe hundred Euiggty four pounds of tob & cask, in several bills and accoumpts and also one thousand weight of beefe all which is longe since due & Craves Order for present payment with costs of suit.

The debt beeinge proved and made appear to ye Court by the defendant's own acknowledgment, that ye whole Complaint both for ye tob & beefe is Just and true. The Court doth therefore Order that ye sd John Dean shall make present payment to ye sd Mr. Tho. Hynson of ye one thousand twoe hundred euighty four pounds of tob. with cask, & ye one thousand pound weight of beefe with Court Charges els Execution.

(3.) Capt. Jno. Russell Complaines against ye Estate of Mr. Nicolus Browne, deceased, for 50 lbs. of tob due to him out of ye sd Estate. The Complaint being proved; The Court doth therefore Order that out of ye estate of ye sd Browne present payment bee made of fifty pounds of tob. to Capt. John Russell, els Execution.

(4.) Capt. Rob. Vaughan Complaines against ye Estate of Mr. Nicolus Browne deceased, for 30 lbs. of tob. due to him out of ye said estate. The Complaint be-beeinge proved.

The Court doth therefor Order that out of ye Estate of ye sd Browne present payment bee made of thirty pounds of tob to Capt. Rob. Vaughan, els Execution.

(5.) Jno. Dean Complaines against Anthonie Calloway for service due to him by condition from ye sd Anthonie.

The Complaint beeinge made appear by ye defendant's own confession;

The Court doth therefore Order that the sayd Calloway shall perform his service according to Condition to ye sayd Jno. Dean, with Court Charges, els Execution.

(6.) John Erickson Complaines against ye Estate of Edward Tarrent, deceased, for ye performance of a certaine Condition remains unsatisfied on Tarrents part.

The Condition produst & ye Complaint proved.

The Court doth therefore Order that out of ye estate of ye sd Tarrent the afforementioned Condition shall be performed to ye plaintiff, els Execution.

(7.) Mr. Thomas Coll Complaines (by his Attorney Mr. Hen Carline) agst John Gibson ffor 370 lbs. of tob. and cask doe to him by bill. The debt proved.

The Court doth therefore Order that ye sayd Gibson shall make present payment of ye three hundred & seventy pounds of tob. Will cash to ye sayd Mr. Coll with Court Charges, els Execution.

(8.) Thomas Hynson, high Sheriffe of ye Countie, Complaines agst John Salter & John Deane for seven hundred pounds of tob. due to his highness the Lord Protector, six hundred by Order of Court & one hundred by breach of an Act of Assembly as is exprest in a bill under their hand dated the 28th of Feb. 1654, a note also under Mr. Durand's hand Sec. for ye Province, to remit, of the seven hundred, three hundred, provided the foure hundred bee payd.

The bill beeinge proved & ye debt made appeare altogether unsatisfied;

The Court doth therefore Order that ye sd John Salter & Jno. Dean shall pay to his highness ye Lord Protector or his substitute foure hundred pounds of tob. beefore the expiration of tenne dayes, and in default thereof, then present payment to bee made by ye sd Jno. Salter and Jno.Dean to his highness ye Lord Protector of England, or his substitute, of seven hundred pounds of tob. with Court Charges, els Execution.

(9.) Mr. Wm. Eliot & Jno. Ringgold ye last Court havinge made a proceeding by Course of Law, putting into ye Court their complaint or declaration agst John Salter, Wm. Price & Jane, the wife of Jno. Salter, in an Action of suspicion of Theft. The suit remaininge still in dependence, ye plaintiff desires a hearinge, and entreat for Justice agst ye defendants, an dthat ye suit may be issued without further delay.

The deposition of Margaret Balioay, aged 21 or thereabouts, sworne, examined and saith, That Jane Salter beeinge at ye deponent's master's house, talking with her mistress she heard Jane say, that, her husband had a shoulder of pork of ye widdow Bright because hee helpt to carie whom ye hoggs, and her mistress sayd what of ye hoggs that Moll Croutch saw ye garbish of, & Jane swore that it was ye same, & further saith not.

The Deposition of Margaret Winchester, aged 25 yeares or thereabouts, sworne, examined & saith;

That about ye last of October your deponent was at ye house of John Salter & his Wife gave her to eate some singed pork which was a good growth, and further saith not.

MARGARET WINCHESTER,

By mee John Russell

19th December Ano. 1655.

The Plaintiffs Mr. Eliot & John Ringgold havinge proved their charge or complaint to ye Court, which ye sd plaintiffs put in ye last Court & have made this Cause, agst John Salter, that there is just cause of suspicion of Theft, evident by many undeniable circumstances & depositions, and making ye suspicion now appear. The Court doth therefore Order that ye sd Salter shall not kill any hogg or hogge without sume two of his honest neighbours, with him, at the killinge of them, or beefore they been cut up; that they may be able to give evidence of ye marks, beinge thereunto called, & this Ordr to remaine in force till ye Court signifie their pleasure to ye contrary, this to bee performed with Court Charges els Execution.

Mr. Wm. Eliot & John Ringold upon ye forementioned declaration; entreat for Justice agst Wm. Price also, beinge one of ye defendants in this Action of Suspission of Theft.

The deposition of Henry Morgan, aged 42 years, or thereabouts, sworne, examined & saith; That about ——— your deponent went into ye woods & had in his company his owne boy & Nicolus Pickark & Wm. Price & beeinge in ye woods ye boy and Price parted from them, and afterwards we heard a gun goe off & conceived it to bee Price that shott, & in ye eveninge when wee mett together at Browne's house, your deponent asked him if he kild anythinge, & he answered No! & swore it with bitter Othes, and wee wisht him if hee kild anythinge to confess it, but he still denied that hee kild any thinge; afterwards, your deponent's boy that was with Price, when hee shott tould, ye wenches, what he kild, but at present was loth to tell his master, but after ye boy tould your deponent, that Price shott at hoggs once & mist, & shot again & kild a markt shote of Mr. Southes; hearing this your deponent went to Salter's to speake with Price, but Salter & Price beinge neither of them at home, your deponent left word with Salter's wife that it was Price's best course to goe to South & make his peace with him, & shee lettinge her husband & Price know what your deponent had sayd, they went to South & Price acknowledged he had done him an injury & made an end & further saith not.

Signed HENRY MORGAN.

Nickolas Pickard, sworne, affirmes ye same in ye former deposition till it come to the boy telling ye wenches & further saith not.

The plaintiffes having made appeare to ye Court that there is just cause of suspicion agst ye sd Wm. Price of his unlawfull killinge of hoggs: And that he is alsoe culpable of ye breach of an Act of Assembly in killing of a markt hogg contrarie to ye sd Act.

The Court doth therefore Order that ye sd Price (beeinge conceived unable to pay a fine exprest in that Act aforementioned) for his punishment shall attend the next Court & shall in open Court stand with a papper upon his brest declaringe his offence; soe longe tyme as ye Court shall appoint, And shall make a public acknowledgment of his fault; And also shall repair Cranie bridge soe as to be halfe a foot above a common high water with a Raill to it, & ye bridge to be well staked & made fast in his place, & this to bee performed before the next Court.

And whereas ye said Salter & Price have lived together, in one house & familie, in this time of suspicion. It is therefore Ordered that there shall bee a separation, & that sd Price shall forthwith remove & noe longer abide or remaine in house or familie with ye said John Salter; and shall pay Court Charges els execution.

Whereas ye Court hath received information that Wm. Price & Jane Salter have been much accustomed to take ye name of GOD in vain, thereby transgressing both ye Lawes of God & man, but in particular that Wm. Price swore three Othes, hearby transgressinge An Act of Assembly against that sinne provided dated Octob. 20. 54 No. 11.

The Court doth therefore Order that ye sd Wm. Price shall pay tenne pounds of tob. for Everie Oath. particularized in ye information; And that John Salter shall pay tenne pounds of tob. for each of those Oathes sworne by his wife forementioned; the one halfe to ye publick use & ye other halfe to ye Informer to bee collected by ye Sheriffe with Court Charges els Execution. (35)

Cheerfulnss— buoyancy — enthusiasm; these are the by-products of the optimist. They are not enumerated in the pessimist's catalogs.

GALENA

Misses Margaret and Helen Mulford entertained the Epworth League in the Chapel, last Friday evening.

Miss Kathryn Haley, of Wilmington, Del., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Haley.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Ford, of Marshallton, Del., are spending awhile with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Ford.

Mr. Robert Morgan, of Penns Grove, Pa., visited friends and relatives in town on Sunday.

Miss Margaret Mulford spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Burgess Schrieber in Chestertown, Md.

Misses Kathyrn Thornton, Nellie Dempsey, spent a few days in Wilmington, Del., and Philadelphia, Pa., last week.

Rev. Elwood Eckhart, and family are spending the Thanksgiving Holidays with relatives in Reading, Pa.

Miss Jennie Parr is spending this week with her cousin, Misses Helen and Marian Hytch in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Locust Grove M. E. Church will celebrate the 50th anniversary on Sunday, December 3rd with a full days program. Rev. Eckhart is pastor of this church.

Mr. Warren Gillespie, of Rock Hall, Md., was a week end visitor at home of Mr. Frank Ruth.

Mr. Frank Jefferies, Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols, Mrs. Sam Molton, of Wilmington, Del., were Sunday guests, of Mrs. Linda Walls.

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Hungerford, of Sharptown, Md., are visiting the latters mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Wamsley in Fredericktown, Md

The Willing Workers Sunday School Class held its monthly meeting in the Chapel, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 28.

Miss Bliss Jarman and Dennis McCauley spent a few days this week with relatives in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wamsley, of Fredericktown, Md., returned home on Tuesday after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Linda Walls.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Copeland and daughter moved on Saturday, to reside in North Carolina

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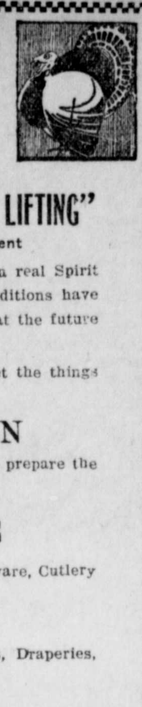
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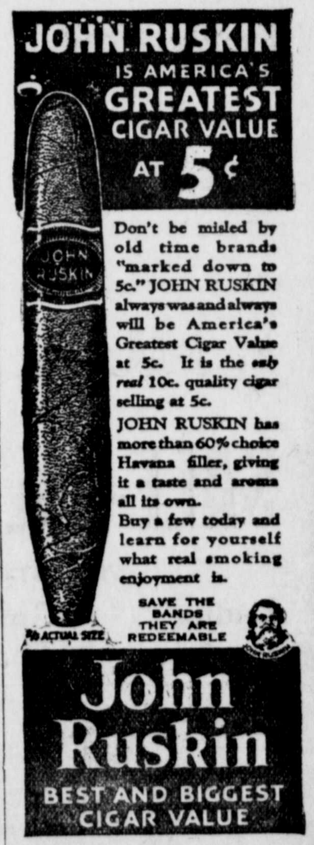
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