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

(10.) Mr. Tho. Ringgold hath petitioned ye Court agst Tho. Hill, senior, ffor a debt (due sume two monthes agoe) of five hundred pounds of tob. and cask due by bill.

The defendant acknowledges the debt owns ye bill & tenders satisfaction.

The Court doth therefore Order that present payment shal bee made by ye sd Hill of the five hundred pounds of tobacco with cask to ye sd Mr. Thos. Ringgold, with Court Charges els Execution.

(11.) Edward Burton petitions The Court, that macking his Right of Land appear last May have ye Approbation of ye Court to take up ye sayd land upon this Island, wheare hee shall Conceive it most convenient, & not taken up before; that privilidge or libertie, ffor divers good Causes beinge graunted by an Act of Assemblee No. 28.

This petition assented too and not denied, making his Rights appeare for three hundred Ackers. The sd Burton doth therefore enter a Caviet for three hunndrd Ackers or a Certaine parcell of land lying togther, bee it more or lesse, bounded to ye Southward with Green's plantation, in ye Westward with Mr. Brown's plantation & hog pon necke, to ye Northward with Mr. Marsh's plantation cald ye great thicket & Zeph. Smith's called Phillpot's plantation, & to ye Eastward with Eastern Bay. This Entrance of his Caviet grounded upon ye forementioned Act No. 28.

(12). The Deposition of Mr. Tho. Hynson, aged 35 years or thereabouts, taken in Court February ye first 1655, sworne, examined, saith

That Winter last was twelve months, beeinge with Mr. Marsh when Roger Baxster & hee made up theire accoumpts, & Roger Baxster had a bill of Mr. Marshes, which did near discoumpt a bill which Mr. Marsh had of his, when ye sd Mr. Marsh promised to deliver to ye sd Roger Baxster and at that tyme there was a verre small matter beetwixt them, & ye deponent being present was desired by both parties to make up their accoumpts and further saith not.

THO. HYNSON.

(13.) The deposition of Capt. Jno. Russell, aged 34 years or thereabouts, taken in Court ye first of Feb. 1655, sworne, examined & saith.

That Mr. Marsh beeinge at your deponents house hee desired your deponent to receive two hoggsheads of tob. at Francis Barneses, either one or both as received from Wm. Price & when your deponent delivered ye weight of ye tob. to Mr. Marsh Wm. Price desired to accoumpt with him to see whether hee had payd him all hee Owed him or no, and it appeared that it was payd & Price desired a discharge & Mr. Marsh Answered, it neede not for I'll send over my bill & further saith not.

JOHN RUSSELL.

Anthony Calloway, aged 26 yeares or thereabouts, his deposition taken in Court Feb. ye first 1655, sworne, Examined & saith,

That he was present at ye same tyme when Wm. Price desired to accoumpt with Mr. Marsh & verifies & affirmes ye same which is in Capt. Jno. Russells deposition exprest, and further saith not.

Signed ANTHONY O CALLOWAY.

The following deposition throws some light upon one side of the state of society in the year 1655. It is found on Folio 117:

"The deposition of Anthonie Calloway, aged 26 years or thereabouts, taken in Court 11th Mo. first 1655, sworne, examined & saith,

That when Mrs. Bradnox came home from Virginia ye first night ye deponent heard her tell Mr. Ringgold that Carline coming to Capt. Fleet's & this woman with him, which he carried from Kent, Capt. Fleet provided lodginge for them & for another man, which was there, & provided a bed for ye two women, ye woman with Carline & another woman & Mr. Carline said to yt woman yt hee carried from Kent, "Hunnie thou art a could, wilt thou go to bed." She said "No, Sweetheart;" and he took her in his armes, and threw her upon ye bed yt was provided for Capt. Fleet & ye other stranger, & in ye night Capt. Fleet heard them make a noise, and was very angrie, & called to his folkes & bade turn them out at doores, and that ye said Mr. Carline did disown his Wife, beeing verie angrie, saying that shee had under ye Commissioners hand & ye Court's; & more than that, in ye Chest that her husband brought down there was a Certificate, & ye Chest was broke open, & ye Certfiicate was found; & there was a Court at Rappahannock's, & this woman that went with Mr. Carline was ordered 30 lashes by ye Court, & Mr. Carline was fined for keeping ye servant away [illegible] & disowning of his Wife & [illegible] nisht out of ye place, & hee [illegible] intending to come to Kent, [illegible] Bradnox said that hee could [illegible] face to come to show his face, & further saith not. Ibid Folios 114, '15, '16, '17.

(There is nothing upon the Record to explain the object of this deposition which seems, however, to have been intended to lay the foundation for an action of slander. Henry Carline was soon afterwards appointed High Sheriff.)

SECTION 76. At a Court houlden ffor Kent, March the first 1655 at ye house of Mr. Hynson, high sherife of ye Countie.

Present—Mr. Philip Conier
Capt. Jos. Wickes
Mr. Henry Morgan
Mr. Wm. Eliot
Mr. Henry Carline.

(1.) Mr. Henry Morgan Complaines agst Jno. Dean in an Action of debt for four hundred twentie two pounds of tob. & cask; The defendant hath acknowledged ye debt.

The Court doth therefore Order that present payment bee made of the four hundred twenty twoe pounds of tob. with caske by ye sd Dean, to Mr. Henry Morgan with Court Charges els Execution.

(2.) Robert Martin beeinge attached to ye Court by Mr. Tho. Hynson in an Action of the Case, which concerns a gunne in controversy; desires a refference to ye next Court; Which ye Court is pleased to graunt.

(3.) Whereas a Warrant was lately issued foth agst Edward Rogers for his personal appearance at this Court; to answer his breach of an Act of Assemblie, and hath not made his appearance:

The Court doth therefore Order that if ye sd Edward Rogers shall not make his personal appearance ye next Court; Mr. Tho. Hynson, high sheriff ffor the countie, shall pay the fine exprest in the afforesd Act with costs of suite.

1656.

SECTION 77. Know all men by these presents that I, John Erickson of the Isle of Kent do acknowledge for good Causes and Considerations me thereunto moving and have Received full Satsisfaction for the same doth acknowledge to have sold, bartered and made sale of fifty acres of Land that I the afsd Erickson bought of Wm. Leeds, and the same claime, title and interest that I the said Erickson had assigned over unto me by William Leeds I doth acknowledge by these presents to have sold the same unto Joseph Wickes Injoyning me, my heirs, Executors or Assigns to confirm and make good the sale thereof unto the afsd Wickes, his heirs, Executors or Assignes forever in the same manner and form as was assigned and made over to me, the said Erickson from the afsd Leeds. I do by these presents assign and confirm the claim full unto the afsd Wickes, his heirs, Executors or Assignes, from me the afsd Erickson my heirs, Executors or Assignes forever, And further I the said Erickson doth acknowledge to have received of the afsd Wickes full Satisfaction for any Claim or debt due to me the said Erickson, by Condition or Order of Court thereupon from the Estate of Edward Tarrent, deceased, and to the true performance hereof I bind me, my heirs, Executors or Assignes well & truly to perform, as Witness my hand this 30th March 1656.

JOHN ERICKSON.

Signed and delivered
In the presence of
Wm. Eliot
John Salter
his I Mark. (36)



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