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OF

KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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SECTION 78. April ye 24th, 1656. George Hall his mark off Cattell & hoggs: Both eares Cropt and ye right eare overkeeled or a small notch on ye upper side.

Liber A. Fol. 119.

SECTION 79. At a Court houlden ffor Kent, May the ffirst 1656, at ye house of Mr. Tho. Hynson, high sheriffe for ye Countie.

Present—Mr. Philip Conier.
Capt. Jno. Russell
Mr. Hen. Morgan
Mr. Wm. Eliot
Mr. Hen. Carline.

(1.) The Court havinge received information upon Oath that Edward Rogers is guiltie of a breach of an Act of Assembly; the sd Rogers allso Confessinge in Court that hee shott & kild a turkey upon Sunday Contrarie to the sd Act; pleading for himselfe that this was his first offense, of that noture, & that hee was Ignorant of ye Act of Assembly prohibiting shootinge on Sundayes; & is sorie for his Offence, promissing never to do the like.

The Court is pleased for ths tyme to accept his plea, & to inflict noe further penaltie upon him, save only, ye sd Rogers shall pay the Charges of ye suitt, els Execution.

(2.) Wm. Price hath made his appearance, to satisfie ye Law, for his demerits, standinge in ye Open Court, with a paper upon his brest ,declaringe his offence, accordinge to an Order of Court dated Februarie ye first 1655.

(3.) Mr. Thos. Bradnox hath arrested to ye Court Jno. Smith in an Action of ye case, sume of his witness beeinge absent, desires a Reference to ye next Court, which the Court is pleased to graunt.

(4.) John Smith, defendant, havinge subponed twoe witneses, for his defense agst ye aforesd action of ye Case, for ye avoidinge of further trouble & charges, desires t heir Oathes may bee taken, to be of use, for his defenc, when occasion shall bee ofered.

The deposition of Tho. Wetherell, aged 47 yeares or thereabouts, sworne, examined & saith.

That Mr. Bradnox came to ye deponent & sd hee had lost a kocke Turkey, and your deponent tould him that Jno. Smith that morninge kild a turkey & Mr. Bradnox sayd that his turkey was alive alive after George Hall was come from his house about noon, & Mr. Bradnox sayd I heard a gune after George was gone, about ye head of ye spring, & I thought that gunne kild my Turkey; Then sd your deponent to him againe, then it cannot bee your Turkey for ye Turkey that John Smith kild, was kild in ye mornng & further sath not.

Sgned THO. WITHERELL.

The deposition of George Hall, aged 34 yeares or thereabouts, sworne, examined & saith.

That what ye aforesd Tho. Witherell hath exprest in his Oath, your deponent George Hall affirmes ye same verbatim and further saith not.

GEORGE HALL.
his H mark

(5.) The Copie of an Attachment agst ye Estate of Gilles Bleake, deceased.

Whereas Thomas Co e hath made apeare that he hired o it unto Gyles Blake a sloope & boa , fitted to bee imployed by ye sd Blake in Virginia, And ye said Blake, by his agreement, was engaged to return ye sd Sloope & boat, in good condition, to ye sd Cole, with one halfe of ye profitt, now whereas ye sd Blake is deceased, in Virginia, & no accoumpt or payment of here aforesd, The said Thomas Cole hath moved me for an Attachment, on ye goods of ye said Gyles Blake, to bee responsible thereunto; These are therefore in ye name of his highness ye Lord Protector, to will & require you to Attach ye goodes & chattels of ye said Gyles Blake, at Kent, & soe to provide that they may bee responsible to satisfie ye said Thomas Cole for ye hire of his sloope & boat, if it bee by due course of law soe determined, Heareof faile not. Given at Province, April 27, 1656.

WILL FULLER.

To ye Sheriffe of the
Isle of Kent.

Mr. Thomas Cole havinge layd ye aforesaid Attachment, upon part of ye Estate of Giles Blake,, deceased, hath made his Complaint, that ye sd Blake hired his Sloope & boate five monthes since, & sailed in her to Virginia, & to ths day never gave him any accoumpt, and ye sd Blake beinge now deceased, ye sloope is left in such condition, as hee is scarce serviceable, as ye plaintife is credibly informed, or that ye none satisfaction for ye hire, & ye sloope made impecht, is great damaged, & yet, more like to accrue, for either hee must loose both ye sloope & boate, and all that belongs to her or goe himselfe to Virginia, to look after her; If hee goe not hee looses her; If he goe hee looses his Crops & leaves his family without any to be assistant to it, soe that every way hee is like to suffer much, if help bee not aforded & the estate found responosible, his lose & damadge considered hee shall make appeare by sufficient evidence, to bee his just due, for ye clearinge of his Complaint, to ye Court, hee hath product under ye Governor's hand, as followeth.

These are to testifie to whom it may Concerne, that ye sloope whearein Gyles Blake did sail from hence to Virginia, & not eyt returned, did wholly belonge unto Thomas Cole as ye proper owner thereof, and this I will testifie if need require; this 26th of Aprill 1656.

WILL FULLER.

The deposition of Mr. Henerie Carline, aged 48 yeares or thereaboust, sworne, xamined and saith.

That the sloope that Giles Blake sailed in to Virginia fro mSeverne sum fcure or five monthes agoe did belonge to Mr. Thomas Cole, & a boat also with it, & that ye sd Cole was owner of ye sd sloope & boat, and that there was an agreement betwixt Mr. Cole & ye sd Blake that Mr. Cole for ye use of his sloope & bote, was to have the one halfe that was erned by ye sloope, improved by ye sd Blake, & further saith not.

Signed HENERY CARLINE.

The deposition of Henery Pott, aged 20 yeares or thereabouts, sworne, examined & saith That ye same that Mr. Carline hath exprest in his Oath your depohent affirmes ye same with this addition That ye sd Blake was to victual ye sloope & find a man to himselfe to improve ye sloope for the best advantage; and what was earned to bee the one halfe of Mr. Cole and the other to ye sd Blake, & further saith not.

The deposition of Mr. Thomas Cole, aged 50 yeares of thereabouts, sworne, examined and saith,

That his lose and damadge sustained by Gyles Blake, in th enonperformance of Condition, the fatchinge or looseinge of his sloope & boate and also ye sloope beeinge almost made unserviceable as your dponnt is credibly informed, hee doth avere & depose that his damadge is no less than foure thousand pounds of otbacco, and of all ye forementioned sloop's hire, and other damages hath received no part or parcell, and further saith not.

THO. COL7.
his T C mark

The Plaintiff having made appear to ye Court, by sufficient evidence that there is justly due to him out of the estate of Gyles Bleak four thousand pounds of Tobacco.

The Court doth therefore Order that present payment shall bee made out of the estate of Gyles Bleake, deceased, foure thousand pounds of Tobacco and caske to the said Mr. Thomas Cole, els execution.

Ibid Fol. 120.

SECTION 79. The following deposition is another illustration of the state of society, under the rule and sway of Puritanism?

The deposition of Wm. Price, aged 30 yeares or thereabouts, taken in ye presence of Mr. Henry Morgan ye 11th of June 1656, sworne, examined & saith:

That about ye middle of May last, on a Saturday, at night, cominge home verie late, your deponent was to goe to Goodman Martin's to work, and Thos. Reade, also, & Goodie Martin was to go home with us, & coming downe to ye water side, readie to put off ye Cannoe, the wind rose, & your deponent was not willinge to goe, but to return back, & stay all night, & cominge backe againe into ye house where Henry Ashley dwels we went to supper, and after supper Goodie Martin made ye bedd, and said "I have turned ye bedd and made it large enough for us al three," and shee and Henry Ashley, & young Robin Martin went al to bedd together, and Robin lay betweene them in ye middle; and in ye morning when your deponent rose hee found them all three in bedd together and young Robin between; and Goodie Marein and Henry were ye last that rose out of bed, and further saith not.

Signed WM. PRICE.
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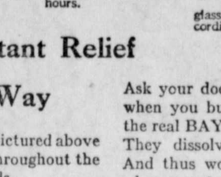


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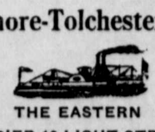
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