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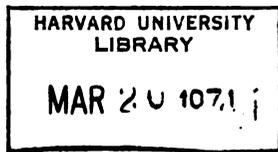
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DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL COURT.

Sir Francis Wiatt appears to have been assiduously engaged in 1640 and 1641 in the discharge of his duties as governor and presiding officer of the court.

In April, 1640, the quarter court was in session at James City from the 8th until the 24th of the month. There remain 65 pages of orders at this term, embracing a great variety of subjects.* Amongst them are the following:

“Whereas Mr. John Moore being chosen burgess for the county of Isle of Wight, and having expended by his long attendance on his said service 3,335 pounds of Tobacco, the court hath therefore ordered that the commissioners for the said county shall levey the said sum from the inhabitants of the said county according to the act of Assembly in that case made and provided, or otherwise that the said commjssioners shall make their appearance at the next June court to shew cause to the contrary, or one of them in the behalf of the rest.”

“Whereas, upon the petition of Henry Poole to the burgesses of this last Assembly for the confirmation of a certain fee of five pounds of Tobacco for every hundred pounds of Tobacco to the

* The Robinson MS. was written before the destruction of the General Court Records. The only orders of the Court of this period now extant are in the Robinson MS.

EDWARD ROWZIE.

I, Edward Rowzie, sick, appoint wife Mary sole executrix. To son Edward Rowzie 400 acres at the head of Occupacia, when he comes of age. To my son Lodowick Rowzie and son John Rowzie, the land I now live on, when they come of age. To my daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth Rowzie, 1,000 acres in the freshes of Rappahannock on the south side, when of age or married. To daughter, Sarah, a black mare. To daughter, Elizabeth, a mare foal. To wife, Mary, a horse. Personal estate to be appraised within four months after my decease, the mares and horses only excepted, as aforesaid, and to be appraised in money sterling, and after debts and funeral expenses are paid to be divided between wife and children. Dated Dec. 26, 1677.

EDWARD ROWZIE.

Robert Pley,
George Bruce.
Proved Jan. 6, 1677.

REV. FRANCIS DOUGHTY.

(Rappahannock County Records.)

To the Wors'p^l her Ma^{tye} Justices for the County of Rappa. The Humble peticon of John Catlett & Humphrey Booth Sheweth, That Whereas yo^r pet^r by Letters bearing date the 15th of Apr^l, 1668, did make their humble addresse to our Hon^{ble} Gov^r, S^r Wm. Berkeley, shewing that Mr. Francis Doughty, uppon our desire of Communicating in the Blessed Ordinance of the L^ds Supper, did, wth out any reason given to us [Besides that his conscience would not Suffer him Soe to do], advocate and Suspend us from p^ticipating in that holy Sacra^{mt}, to the great Scandall of yo^r pet^r; and Further wee, yo^r pet^r, informed his Hon^r of the s^d Doughtie's non-conformity & Scandalous liveing, uppon which our comp^{ty} the Hon^{ble} Gov^r & Counsell have ordered in case our comp^{ty} bee grounded upon truth, that then his wor-ship^l Cor^t bee empowered to putt out of the s^d Doughty from

being any longer Minis^r in the p[']ish of Sittingborne. All w^{ch} compl[']ts wee are ready to prove, & not onely those before mentioned, But likewise that hee, the s[']d Doughty, did in the p[']nce of this wor[']p['] Cort. impeach the Supremacy of his sacred Ma['], the which & much more (contrary to the Knowne Canons of the church of Engl^d), wee are heer Ready to make appeare.

The p[']misses considered, yo^r Pet^r Humbly crave that this wor[']p['] Cort. would p[']ceed according to ord^rs of our hon^{ble} Gov^r & Councell, & yo^r pet^r shall pray, &c., and also that the s[']d Doughty may bee ordered to pay costs & Suite, &c.

Recordat 1668. R. P., Cl.

DEED OF GIFT BY DOUGHTY.

To all Christian people to whom these shall come, greeting in our L[']d God Everlasting, know yee that I, Frances Doughty, for and in consid. of the good will, affecon and love that I beare unto my well Beloved wife Anne Doughty, and in consid. that I the s[']d Francis am shortly intended, God willing, to Transport myself out of the Colony of Virginia into some other country and clymate that may prove more favorable to my aged, infirm & decayed Body than the s[']d Country of Virginia wherein I now Reside, Doste and for that my wife the s[']d Anne is unwilling to Depart the s[']d country, shee finding the same Best agreeing with her health. Besides her loathness and unwillingness to Bid Farewell to her more Deare & Beloved children, and to her Beloved kindred & Relacons, all or least most of them Residing in the s[']d Colony of Virginia and in the Neighboring provinces of Maryl[']d, as also for Divine good causes & consid. mee at this pr[']sent Especially moving, I Have given granted & confirmed and by this present Doe fully give, Graunt & confirme unto Richard Boughton of Charles county in the Province of May[']ld & his ass's all that p[']cell or quantity of Land Cont: two hundred acres, lying upon Rappa. River in the s[']d Colony of Virginia, and adjoining to the Land of Capt. Alexdr. Fleming, late dec[']d, and Butted and Bounded according to a certificate of survey made thereat By Col. Catlett, upon Record, together w[']th all Houses, Edifices, Buildings, Hereditam[']ts & appurt.

w't'soever, to the s^d Land and premises, or to any p't or p'cell thereof Belonging or in any wise appurtenyng * * * * *
I, the said Francis, have hereunto set my hand and seale this 13th day of March, 1668-9.

NOTE.—Rev. Francis Doughty first resided in Massachusetts, and afterwards fled from religious persecution to New York, where he was welcomed by Governor Kieft and advances were made to him in goods and money. In 1642 a grant was made to him and his associates of a large tract of land at Mepsat (now Newtown), Long Island, with a right of limited jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters, and, as the grant states, "with power to erect a church, and to exercise the Reformed Christian religion which they profess." In 1643 the colonists at Mepsat were attacked by the Indians, driven from their plantation with loss of life, and their houses burned. Upon this, Francis Doughty came to New Amsterdam, and officiated as clergyman to the English inhabitants. After the Indian war, his land at Mepsat, except his "bouwery," was confiscated, at the instance of some of his associates, who considered that he had ignored their co-proprietary rights. He thereafter settled at Flushing, and was so open in his animadversions upon Governor Kieft that Captain John Underhill ordered his church doors to be shut. Finally, he removed to the Eastern Shore of Virginia, leaving behind his daughter, who was married to Adrian Van der Douck. In 1656 he was a minister in Northampton county. Not long after he became minister of Sittingbourne Parish, Rappahannock county. He was a brother-in-law of Governor Stone, of Maryland, and had a sister, Elizabeth, who married, in Massachusetts, William Cole. In June, 1657, Mr. Doughty married, secondly, Annie Eaton, widow, of Northampton county.

LETTERS TO THOMAS ADAMS.

The letters of Richard Adams, published in the Magazine, are from the Manuscript Collections of the Virginia Historical Society. For an account of the Adams Family, see Vol. IV, page 448.

Virg^a W^mburg, 5th Nov^r, 1771.

D^r Bro:

I have wrote you several letters lately that I have little now to add. Our Worthy Old President Blair made his exit this morning ab' 11 o'Clocke, w^{ch} was happy for him & Family as he