

Hanson, *Old Kent*, pp. 24-27.

Liber A

“ January the 9th being the Lord’s Day, one Burton shot a goose, and one Thomas Farington going on the ice towards the goose, was drowned, the said Farington being late servant of Mr. Philip Conier, on the Isle of Kent. Upon this occasion, a Jury was empanelled, and the Coroner sat Jan. 11th, 1652, o. s.

“ The deposition of Christian Hill, the Wife of Thos. Hill, being of age about 45 years, concerning the death of the said Thos. Farington, the said Christian Hill, sworne & examined, saith, that the boy was at our house upon occasion for his Mistress, and I despatched him away presently, and he said, he was to go with Goodman Burton for a goose, and within a while after, I went to look out after him, and I saw Goodman Burton upon the ice, and he went into the canoe, and the boy went out of the canoe upon the ice upon his knees with a stick afore him, and when he came almost to the goose, he called to Goodman Burton, and said, the ice cracked, and he turned about another way, and presently fell in, and then he called to Goodman Burton to help him, and he went forth out of the canoe, and when he came within a paddle’s length to my discerning, he fell in also, I saw him labour with his hands and could endure to see the sight no longer, but went in, and further your deponent saith not.”

The license given by the Governor to Thos. Ringgold to kill “ any wild, unmarked hogs within any of his Lordship’s forests ” upon the “ Island ” was revoked and returned to the Clerk, on this 2nd of Feb., 1652, o. s.

By the Commissioners of the Council of State for the Commonwealth of England. [fol. 45]

Whereas the right honorable the council of State for the commonwealth of England by authority of parliament have committed to us, the commissioners several powers in the reducing, settling and governing of all the plantations within the bay of Chesapeake, as by their commission and instructions, bearing date at Whitehall, the 26th day of September, 1651, may appear, in pursuance whereof the foresaid commissioners, having applied themselves to the governor and council of Maryland, (one of the plantations within the limits aforesaid) requiring them to submit themselves and to act accordingly, and having tendered the same several times unto them, so that they might remain in their places, conforming themselves to the laws of the Commonwealth of England, in point of government only, and not infringing the lord Baltimore’s just rights, which they having denied and refused, as being inconsistent with the patent of the lord proprietor and their oaths made to him; In obedience, therefore, to the said council’s commands, in their said commission to us directed, for the preservation of the honor and interest of the