

**Liber A** Isle of Kent, and the rather for that reason of some differences, and complaints by the inhabitants, there, against Capt. Robert Vaughan, the chief in place and command upon the said Island, the course of justice, and keeping courts for the better administration thereof, hath been of late discontinued :

These are, therefore, in the name of the Keepers of the Liberty of England, by authority of Parliament, to signify, and declare, that for the present, till further order out of England, Mr. Philip Conner, Mr. Thos. Ringgold, Mr. Thos. Bradnox, Mr. Henry Morgan, Mr. Nic. Browne, Mr. Thos. Hynson, Mr. Joseph Wickes, Mr. John Phillips, and Mr. John Russell, be Commissioners for the said Island, and that they, or any four of them, whereof Mr. Philip Conner, or Mr. Thos. Ringgold to be always one, shall have power to hear and determine all differences, and to call courts for that purpose as often as they shall see cause, to make choice of a Sheriff, and a Clerk for keeping Records, and Execution of Writs, and all other process, and to act in all things for the peace, safety and welfare of the said Island, and the inhabitants thereof, as they or the former Commissioners did, or might do, by virtue of their commission from the Lord Baltimore, and the Governor & Council of this Province under him.

Requiring all the inhabitants of the said Island to take notice of this Order, and to conform themselves accordingly, as they will answer the contrary at their peril.

Given under our hands, at the Isle of Kent the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1652.

Ri: Bennett,  
Ead: Lloyd,  
Thos: Marsh,  
Leo: Strong.

**Hanson, Old Kent, p. 69.**

The Clerk of the Court in 1652 signs his name Thom's Hynson, Sen.

**Hanson, Old Kent, pp. 25-26.**

[fol. 67] At the February session of the Court, in 1652, o. s., The Court granted a Certificate to John Conitt, for 300 acres of land, "he coming to this Island, himself, his Wife & Child the first of May last, 1652."

At this Court, Thos. Marsh, "merchant," obtained judgment against the estate of Wm. Jones.

[fol. 68] The County Levy for the year 1652 was estimated at 2,877 lbs. of tobacco, at the rate of "45 lbs. of tob. per poll of all tithable persons throughout this Island."

[fol. 70] At the same Court Henry Carlien, and Thos. Ringgold testified, that about the last of the previous May, they heard Capt. Jacobs