

Liber A But I hope, the measure of grief is no further good, than it makes way for joy; for a bad action salved up with a free forgiveness, is as not done; and as a bone once broke, is stronger after well setting, so is love after reconciliation. I know, how easy it is to detest some faults in others, w'ch we flatter in our selves; for, in the best Men, nature is Partial in itself.

Therefore it is good to sentence others' frialties, with the remembrance of our own. But, God Willing, it shall be my duty hereafter to keep myself from all violent passion, w'ch causeth discontent, knowing, that all things happen from Him Whom Himself came.

I pray, look upon the crosses and wants that God hath laid upon me at present, withal, having lost almost all my hogs, and the greater part of my cattle, being wanting and dead. Yet methinks, I see some men, ready to add to my afflictions, rather than to yield me any comfort in my sorrow.

The end, for which I write these lines unto you, is that you would be pleased to remit the fines that were laid upon me for my offence committed; and it shall be understood, a thankfulness, from him, that is,
 Yr. poor friend to love you
 Kent, the 1st of April, 1653. Robert Vaughan.

The Commissioners in consideration that Capt. Vaughan "submitth himself" and acknowledged "his offences to be from frailty," and also considering the sorrow he hath expressed and the "losses" he has "suffered," "freely remit" the fines for his "misdemeanors" to the Court, "in 1652," so far as it lies in their power, with an "earnest admonition unto him, to be careful to keep his promises, in his petition, not to run himself into the like proemuniures."

Hanson, Old Kent, p. 26.

[fol. 73] "Received of Mr. Henry Carlien, six rolls of tobacco, one bear's skin, and five raccoons' skins, which goods abovesaid I shall sell for his use, to the Dutch Plantation, or Boston, after safe arrivement, or to be delivered to Mr. Henry Payne in Boston. Witness my hand, this 25th day of May, 1652. John Jacobs."

Deeds Liber A, pp. 14-15.

[fol. 75] Be it known Unto all Men by these presents that I William Elleott Planter do for and in Consideration of Surrender of the right and Title that Jone Dunn and her heirs hath unto the Estate that her Father Porter left her by Will after her Mothers decease, I do give and deliver unto Jone Dunn and her heirs her Husband Excepted not to have any thing to do with it or the Encrease, One black Cow with a Calf by her side the mark Cropt on both Ears which did formerly belong to the Estate of Captain Brent and delivered in Court unto me And I do bind and Oblige myself my heirs Exec^{rs} Administrators or Assignes firmly by these presents that