

followed. At the November, 1668, Provincial Court, Peake, the well known innkeeper of New Town on Bretton's Bay, who was a former justice of St. Mary's County and an extensive landowner, was tried for having killed William Price with a sword on October 23, 1668, at Peake's inn. Although it was shown that Peake was drunk at the time of the murder, he was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. After sentence of death was passed, his request that he might suffer death before his own house where he committed the murder was granted. The murder, the trial, and spectacular execution, have been fully discussed by the editor in a previous volume of the *Archives* (LVII, xxvii-xxviii). There was no evidence recorded which would tend to show whether the suit just referred to played any part in the murder of the attorney by his client. The unsavory record of William Price, the victim, a former indentured servant who had become a landowner and practicing attorney before the Charles County Court, is also discussed (*ibid.* p. xxviii).

CLERGYMEN AND CHURCHES

A few notes on the clergymen and churches mentioned in this record may be of interest. Since the establishment of Charles County in 1658 down through the year 1674, when this record closes, three Protestant ministers are known to have officiated in that county. These were Francis Doughtie, John Legatt, and Matthew Hill. Doughtie and Hill are known to have been ordained clergymen of the Church of England who had been evicted for non-conformity from English parishes. Legatt, of whom less is known, was also doubtless of the Church of England. Before the Protestant Revolution of 1689, there were no Church of England parishes established by law in Maryland, nor did the Roman Catholic lord proprietaries have anything to do with the appointment of the Anglican clergy, at this time few in number, who came into the Province. It will be seen in the case of the Rev. Matthew Hill, that he was "elected and chosen by the Protestant Inhabitants" of the locality in which he served (p. 262).

Francis Doughtie had a variegated ministerial career in which, following his eviction in England, he officiated in Congregational churches in Massachusetts, in Dutch Reformed churches in New York, and in a Church of England parish on the Eastern Shore of Virginia; he was also in Rhode Island. After four years in Virginia in Hungars Parish, Accomack, he came to Charles County in 1658, remaining here until early in 1662, when he returned to Virginia to take a parish on the western shore. There he became rector of Rappahannock Parish across the Potomac, where his Puritan leanings, personal weaknesses, and witch-hunting proclivities, got him into difficulties. His wife continued to live in Maryland, and he died in Virginia about 1684 (*Wm. & Mary Coll. Quart.* 1939, 301-2). While in Maryland he had acquired on January 17, 1659/60, the lease on a 200 acre plantation in "the Parish of or hamlet of Pickewaxon in Charles County" from Giles Tompkinson, on which he and his wife Anne, after they had returned to Virginia, assigned their lease, February 9, 1662/3, to Walter Beane, one of the Justices of Charles County (*Arch. Md.* LIII; 396). Just about the time he finally left Virginia, Doughtie, by deed of gift dated