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To the MARYLAND GAZETTE, [N^o. 1041.]

Annapolis, April 18, 1765.

BARBADOS, January 19, 1765.
By the KING's Authority.

PUBLIC Notice is hereby given, That the Commissioners appointed by his Majesty for the Sale and Disposal of Lands in the Islands of Grenada, the Grenadines, Tobago, St. Vincent, and Dominica, are (in Consequence of Resolutions taken at a Board held in Barbados the fifth Day of January, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five) about to proceed immediately to the several Islands that are the Object of their Commission, for the more speedy and effectual Execution of his Majesty's Instructions.

That they shall accordingly, in Conjunction with the Governor-General of the Grenades and Neutral Islands, or in his Absence, with the Lieutenant Governor of each Island, respectively, proceed to divide the Islands of Tobago and St. Vincent into convenient Districts or Parishes, and set apart, in these and the other Islands, such Lands (in the most convenient Situations) as shall be thought most proper for Fortifications, Yards for the Use of the Navy, and other military Purposes.

That the said Commissioners shall determine on a proper Situation in every Parish for a Town convenient for Trade and Navigation; such Towns to consist of Lots of different Size and Extent for Houses, to which Gardens or Fields will be annexed, not exceeding six Acres, to any one Town-Lot: And that in laying out such Town-Lots, they shall reserve convenient Places for Wharfs and Quays, and for all other necessary public Uses; and reserve in every Parish such Wood Lands as shall seem necessary for the Construction and Repair of Fortifications and public Buildings, and to prevent that Drought which in these Climates is the usual Consequence of a total Removal of the Woods.

That they shall also trace out the Direction of all great Roads in each Island respectively, for the Convenience of Communication between Town and Town, and set out Roads between the Allotments of Plantation Lands, for the Convenience of the Purchasers thereof.

That uncleared Lands shall be set apart in each Parish for such poor Settlers as shall apply to the Governor-General of the Grenades and Neutral Islands, or the Lieutenant-Governor of the Island where such Lands lie, for the same.

That the native Caribbees of St. Vincent are to continue undisturbed in the Possession of their Cottages and Grounds.

That with Respect to the cleared Lands in the Islands of St. Vincent and Dominica, as the same have been occupied by the French in open Violation of the Faith of Treaties made between the Crowns of Great-Britain and France, and in express Contradiction to the public Orders issued by the Court of France; and as no Authority has been given to any of the Governors to make Grants thereof, the Commissioners are forbid to allow of any Establishment of the French, in Consequence of the Settlements made by them in the said Islands: But his Majesty has nevertheless been graciously pleased to encourage the present French Inhabitants to continue under his paternal Care and Protection, on certain Terms, Restrictions, and Reservations; and the Commissioners accordingly shall and will, with all convenient Speed, proceed to execute his Majesty's Instructions on that Head, as follows:

That is to say, To such of the French Inhabitants of the said Islands as shall take the Oath of Allegiance, and make and subscribe the Declaration of Abjuration, Leases shall be prepared and granted by the Commissioners, which shall also pass under the Seal of the Government of Grenada, and be registered in the Office of the Secretary of the Island where the Lands lie, of such cleared Lands as were in the Possession of the said French at the Time of the Surrender of the Islands aforesaid, and still are in their Possession (together with such small Parcels of contiguous Lands in Wood as may be convenient to the Lessee, and which the Commissioners may think reasonable to insert in such Lease) unless such cleared Lands are found necessary for public Uses; in which Case other

Lands shall be allotted them in Lieu thereof, and the full Value and Improvements shall be ascertained, and Compensation made for them in the most fair and equitable Manner.

That such Leases shall be for Fourteen, Twenty-one, Thirty-two, or Forty Years, at the Option of the Lessee; or 14 Years, renewable at the Pleasure of the Lessee; for a Number of Years not exceeding Forty in the Whole: And, in Consideration of which Leases, such Fines and Quit-rents shall be paid down, as are thought proportionable to the Term of Years and Quality of Land.

That the Land so demised shall not be assignable to any other Person, without a Licence first had from the Governor-General of the Grenades and Neutral Islands, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, and approved by the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations.

That the Lessee shall reside one Half of the Year in the Island where the Lands lie. And in Cases where Lands were held before the late Peace by several French Proprietors jointly, some of whom are since retired from them, they are to be severed into Parts, and indulgence shewn in the Division to those who are contented to remain and receive their Portions, and who will also enjoy every Advantage that peculiarly belongs to British Subjects.

That in Case any French Inhabitants should rather prefer uncleared Lands in any of the Islands, to the cleared Lands on the Terms above-mentioned, uncleared Lands, unincumbered with the Terms of the Lease, shall be allotted them in Lieu thereof by the said Commissioners; and they shall moreover be paid the Value of the Buildings they leave.

That these Provisions shall not however extend to such as occupy more than 500 Acres in the Island of St. Vincent, and 300 Acres in the Island of Dominica: If any such there be, the Commissioners shall reduce their Possessions to those Numbers, and dispose of the Surplus in the same Manner as of Lands not occupied by French Inhabitants.

That the Commissioners are empowered by his Majesty to determine who are to be deemed French Inhabitants, and what Lands they shall be deemed possessed of, within the Meaning of the King's Instructions: That religious Communities are not to be considered as included herein; such Lands as they have been possessed of will be sold for the public Benefit.

That no Grants, Bargains, or Sales whatever, hitherto made (excepting legal Sales in Grenada and the Grenadines) will be attended to or allowed of, as his Majesty has been pleased to declare that no Authority has been granted to any of his Governors for this Purpose. His Majesty has notwithstanding been pleased to except twenty-five Town-Lots, consisting of forty Feet in Front and one hundred and fifty Feet in Depth, granted by Governor Dalrymple in the Town of Charlotville in the Island of Dominica: And the Commissioners are directed to confirm these Grants, by giving to the several Grantees Certificates that the said Lots were so conveyed to them; which shall intitle them to Grants thereof under the Seal of the Islands, provided they agree to insert in such Grants the same Conditions as are in all other Grants of Town Lots.

That with Respect to all Lands in any of the Islands which are the Object of the Commission, and which are not comprised within the above Description of Lands reserved for public Uses; Lands set apart for poor Settlers; Lands which are the rightful Property of the Inhabitants of Grenada and the Grenadines; or that may be leased out to the French Inhabitants of Dominica or St. Vincent, or possessed by the native Caribbees; they shall be divided into Allotments for Plantations; to consist, in the Islands of Grenada and the Grenadines, Tobago, and St. Vincent, of not less than 100, nor more than 500 Acres; and in the Island of Dominica, of not less than 50, nor more than 300 Acres of Land: In doing of which, Care will be taken that each Lot shall have every Convenience that the Circumstances and Nature of the Ground will admit of.

That the said Town-Lots, and Garden or Pasture Ground, shall be laid out with all convenient

Speed, in order that, if uncleared, the Governor-General of the Grenades and Neutral Islands, or the Lieutenant-Governor of each Island respectively, may dispose thereof to such as apply for them; or, if consisting of cleared Land, that they may be sold, in like Manner, as the Plantation Lands hereafter mentioned, by public Auction; subject in either Case to the Conditions, that a Dwelling-House, Shop, Warehouse, or Out-house, shall be erected thereon within the Space of two Years from the Date of the Grant; and a Quit Rent of One Penny Sterling per Foot in Front for the Town Lot, and Six-pence Sterling per Annum for every Acre of Garden or Pasture Ground: And the Sale and Grants of such Town and Pasture Lots, and also Grants to poor Settlers, shall be irrevocable.

That the Plantation Allotments aforesaid, as well of uncleared Lands as those cleared, which have been occupied by religious Societies, or which, by Reason of the Absence or Refusal of French Inhabitants, shall not be granted on Lease in the Manner above directed, shall be put up to Sale, at a Price not less than Five Pounds Sterling per Acre, if the Lands are cleared, and not less than One Pound Sterling per Acre, if the Lands are uncleared; and be sold by public Auction to the highest Bidder, at the general Sale to be held twice in every Year, in the most healthy Seasons, either at Grenada or the Island where such Lands are situated, on the following Terms and Conditions, that is to say,

That no Person shall be permitted to purchase from the Crown, either in his own Name or in the Name of others in Trust for him, more than Allotments to the Amount of 500 Acres in the Island where the Lands lie, or more than 300 Acres if in the Island of Dominica.

That the highest Bidder of each Lot shall be declared the Purchaser, who shall thereupon pay down Twenty per Cent of the whole Purchase-money, and Six-pence Sterling for each Acre of which his Lot shall consist, to defray the Expence of surveying the same; whereupon he shall receive a Bill of Sale and a Certificate from the Commissioners of his being the highest Bidder; upon producing which Bill of Sale and Certificate to the Governor-General of the Grenades and the Neutral Islands, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, he shall be intitled to a Grant in Fee Simple, (under the Seal of the Islands) of the Lands by him purchased, and take Possession thereof, such Grant to be registered in the Secretary's Office of the respective Island where the Lands lie.

That in Case of Fraud, Collusion, or other Contravention to the King's Instructions, and not otherwise, the Grant shall be revocable for the Space of Twelve Months from the Date thereof, by the Lord High Treasurer, or the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being; but if not revoked, within that Term, the same shall then be absolute; if revoked, Notice thereof shall be immediately given, and the Money immediately given to the Purchaser, with the usual Interest of the Island, and Compensation also made for all Sums of Money which shall, bonâ fide, have been laid out for the Clearing, Improving, or Building on any Part of the Lands contained in such Grant, to be ascertained by Arbitration, and the Lands shall be again put up to Sale.

That of the Purchase-money remaining due, Ten per Cent more than the 20 per Cent above mentioned, shall be paid within the first Year after the Date of the Bill of Sale, Ten per Cent the second Year, and Twenty per Cent every successive Year, until the Whole shall be paid: But, in Default of any of the said Payments, the Land shall be liable to be forfeited, and again sold, in order that the King may be first paid, and the Residue shall be the Property of those before intitled to it.

That from twelve Months after the Date of the Grant, the Purchaser shall clear away at the Rate of five Acres in the Hundred, annually, until one Half of the cultivable Land shall be cleared, under a Penalty of Five Pounds Sterling per Annum for every Acre not cleared, in Pursuance of this Condition.

That

JUST IMPORTED from London, and to be SOLD by the Subscriber, at his Store at the Head of the Dock in Annapolis, where Capt. Ward formerly kept Store,

A LARGE Assortment of EUROPEAN AND EAST-INDIA GOODS, suitable for the Season, on very reasonable Terms, by Wholesale or Retail, for ready Money, Bills of Exchange, or short Credit.

COLIN CAMPBELL.

WHEREAS the Rev^d. Mr. MORRIS, of *Gentle* in the County of *Montgomery*, in the Year 1755, took the Resolution of leaving his native Country, and went to the Rev^d. Mr. JONES, Rector of *St. Stephen's* and *Anglican* Parishes, in *Cecil County, Maryland*, where he made some Stay: But his Friends have had no late Accounts of him. If said MORRIS be still Alive, he may hear of something much to his Advantage, by applying to the Subscriber living in *Baltimore-Town, Maryland*. Or, if he is Dead, the Subscriber will be much obliged to any Person that is acquainted with the Particulars of his Death, to inform him by Letter or otherwise.

(8th) JOHN MERRYMAN, junr.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of LAND adjoining to the Town of *Nettingham*, on *Pattuxet River*, in *Prince George's County*, called *Beanes's Pasture*, containing 220 Acres; whereon is a new Dwelling-House 28 by 26 Feet, finished in a very neat and convenient Manner; a new Kitchen 20 by 16 Feet, (under which is a small Stone Cellar); and a Stable. About Half the Tract is fine hard Marsh, which may easily be improved to very great Advantage: The other Part is very level, and of a good Soil. The Situation is very convenient for either a Merchant or Tavern Keeper. Also a Lot of Ground in the Town of *Nettingham*, whereon is a very good Stone-House 30 Feet square, with a good Store Room, Lumber Room, Comping Room, with a Brick Chimney thereto, and a Lodging Room, on the first Floor: Above Stairs there is Three good Rooms, completely finished, and in good Repair; there is also a good Cellar under the House, the full Size thereof, with Three convenient Rooms therein. The Whole to be Sold together, or separate, as the Purchaser chooses, for *London Bills of Exchange, Sterling or Current Money*, upon very reasonable Terms.

All Persons Indebted to the Estate of *Calvert Beanes*, late Deceased, are desired to settle and discharge their respective Balances by the Tenth Day of *February* next; otherwise they may depend on being Sued and Warranted, without Respect to Persons.

(11th) WILLIAM BEANES, Executor.

THE Subscribers beg Leave to inform the PUBLIC, That they have lately Erected, at *BALTIMORE-TOWN*, in *MARYLAND*, A DISTILLERY for making RUM; which, (by many good Judges who have seen it) is allowed to be one of the largest, completest and best constructed STILL-HOUSE of any in *NORTH-AMERICA*: And having furnished themselves with an expert DISTILLER, and a plentiful Stock of MOLASSES, they purpose to carry on the DISTILLING BUSINESS extensively, and to supply constantly the Demand for Home-made RUM, at nearly the same as the *Philadelphia* Prices, at least on much lower Terms than the Province of *MARYLAND* has been generally supplied with that Article. The RUM already made by them has been highly approved by the best Judges, and deemed superior to either *Philadelphia* or *New-England* RUM; and they hope to give Satisfaction to the Public, as well as maintain their own Reputation, by continuing to make always of the same approved Quality.

As this Undertaking is so well calculated to promote the general Trade of the Province, and so convenient for supplying the Country Traders, Farmers, &c. who bring their Produce to *Baltimore Market*, as well as to promote the private Emolument of the Owners; it is hoped the Public will give proper Encouragement to a Branch of Trade so useful, and so much wanted in the Province.

Any Gentlemen wanting Quantities of RUM for Exportation, by giving timely Notice may be supplied, and proper Allowance made to such, Their humble Servants,

SAMUEL & ROBERT PURVIANCE, & Comp.

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