

### PATENT OF 1693

William and Mary, by the grace of God, King and Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defenders of the faith, &c., To all to whom these presents shall come, sendeth greeting:

Whereas, Benjamin Fletcher, our Capt. Generall and Governour-in-Chiefe of our Province of New York, and the territoryes depending thereon in America, hath, at the request of our loving subject, Colla. Willm. Smith, one of ye members of our councill and Chiefe-Justice of our said province, hath issued his warrant to our Surveyor-Generall of our sd province, bearing date, the nineteenth day of September, for the surveying and laying out severall neekes and tracts of Land and meadow, beach, bay and Island within ye sd bay, scituate, lying and being upon the south syde of our island, formerly called Long Island, and now knowne and called by the name of our Island of Nassau, wch were formerly purchased of ye native Indians, according to the Lawes of our sd province, by virtue of a warrant fro. Collo. Slaughter, late Governour of our sd province, bearing date, the fourteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand six hundred and ninety one. And whereas, Augustine Graham, our Surveyr Generall for our said Province of New York, &c., hath, p'suant to his warrant aforesaid, surveyed and laid out the severall neckes and tracts of land and meadow, beach, bay and Islands within the sd bay, upon the South side of our Island of Nassau: Bounded westward from the maine sea or occian to the westernmost bank of a river called East Connecticut, and soe along the banke of the sd river to a creeke running out of the sd river, called Yaphanke, and soe along the southwest bank of ye sd creek unto its head, the whole creek included, to a marked pine tree at ye head of ye sd creek, and soe in a direct north lyne until it comes to the bank of Connecticut River aforesd, to a marked tree on the west syde of said river; and fro. thence alongst the westernmost bank of sd river unto ye sd river head, ye whole river and all ye branches thereof included, and from thence alongst ye west syde of Connecticut Hollow to the country roade near ye middle of the island afore sd, to a markt tree there, the whole hollow included, and soe bounded northward by ye sd country road to another marked tree, being distant one fro ye other ffive miles and a halfe, and so in a direct south lyne from the eastermost marked tree near the country road aforesd, to a pyne tree marked with W. S. and three notches, at ye head of ye maine branch of Mastick River, and fro thence alongst ye eastermost bank of sd river, the whole river and all its branches included, to the maine sea; as also too small tracts of upland and meadow, lying east of mastic river, called Puencatame and Hogges neck, and bounded easterward from ye maine sea to a river or creek, called Senckes River, and from thence in a direct north lyne to ye country road, and west by bounds aforesaid mentioned, and South by the sea; as also, one tract of beach, meadow and bay, lying along the South syde of the island aforesaid, with all the Islands in the sd bay between the maine Island aforesd

and the beach afore sd, from a certain Gutt or inlett westward, commonly called Huntington East Gutt, to a certain stake on the beach Eastward, to a place called Coptwange, being the towne of Southampton westermost bounds; the sd beach and bay being from the East to the west bounds, tweenty ffour miles and seven chaines, as by the returne of our sd surveyor, relation being thereunto had, may more fully and at large appear. And as Whereas, our loving subject, the sd Coll. Willm Smith, one of ye members of our Councill and Chiefe Justice of our sd Province of New Yorke and territorys depending thereon in America, hath not only been a great charge and expence in the purchasing of all the sd necks and tracts of land and meadow, beach, bay and islands upon the south syde of our sd island of Nassau, within ye limitts and bounds aforesaid, but also hath been at much more considerable charge and expence in ye purchaseing and improvement of a certain neck or peninsula of upland and meadow and thatch beds on creek thatch, within the limitts and bounds of ye towne of Brookhaven, and lying and being situate on ye north syde of ye island of Nassau aforesaid, commonly called and known by ye name of ye little neck of Brookhaven aforesaid, being bounded southward by a lyne running along ye east syde of the sd Isthmues, and by ye gate of ye now highway, so running west along ye fence between ye said Smithe's Land and Justice Richard Whodhall's house Lott to a creek lying on the west syde of ye said Isthmus, and so bounded by ye bay, harbour and salt water round the neck aforesd, to ye marked tree by ye gate and highway aforesd; A also, one intire Island of thatch lying between the neck afore sd and the old field of ye towne aforesd, by ye sd Smith purchased from Samuell Eburne, Clark; as also a certaine part of a great thatch bedd lying alongst the Eastermost part of ye said neck, called the Indian Land, as also all such thatch beds or creek thatches as lyes with in the harbour in a direct lyne from ye marked tree, by the Gate, to ye southermost poynt of ye said Little Neck, called ffloyd's Poynt, given by the townesmen of Brookhaven to him, ye sd Smith, as by their sd deeds relacon being thereunto had, may more fully appear. And whereas our sd loving subject hath, by his Petition, presented to the sd Benjamin ffletcher, our Captaine Generall and Governour-in-Chiefe of our sd Province of New Yorke and Territoryes depending thereon in America, and their Majtyes' Councill prayed our Grant and confirmacon of all and every of the sayed several neeks and tracts of land and meadow, beach, bay and islands within the repective limitts and bounds aforesd, and that wee would likewise erect all and every, the respective necks and tracts of land and meadow within the respective limitts and bounds aforesaid, into a Lordshipp or manor of St. George's, which reasonable request, for the future encouragement of our sd loving subject, wee being willing to grant; know yee that of our speciall Grace, certaine knowledge and meer motion, wee have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and by these presents doe for us, our heirs and successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the sd Coll. Willm. Smith, his heires, and assignes all and every the forerecited necks, tracts and parcells of Land and meadow within the respective limitts and bounds before menconed and expressed, together with all and every of the messuages, tenements, buildings, barnes, houses, out-houses, fences, orchards, Guardings, Pastures, meadows, marshes, swamps, pooles, poundes, waters, water courses, woods, underwoods, trees, timber, quarryes,

Rivers, Runs, Rivoletts, Brooks, Lakes, Streames, Creeks, Harbours, beaches, bays, inlands fferyes, ffishing, ffwoling, hunting, hawking, mines, mineralls (silver and Gold mines only excepted), and all the rights, members, Libertyes, Priveiledges, Jurisdictions, Royaltyes, Hereditaments, proffits, benefits, advantages and appurtenances whatsoever, to the aforesd, severall and respective necks and tracts and parcells of Land and meadow, Bay, Beach and Inlands wth in the sd bay, belonging or in any ways appertaining, or accepted, reputed, taken, known or occupied as part, parcell or member thereof; To Have and Hold all the afore-recited, severall and respective necks, tracts and parcells of Land and meadow and premises within the respective limitts and bounds aforesd, wth all and every of their appurtenances unto him, the sd Coll. Willm. Smith, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use, benefit and behoofe of him, the sd William Smith, his heirs and assigns forever; moreover, Know ye that of our further Speciall Grace, certaine knowledge and meer mocon, wee have thought fit, according to ye request of our sd loveing subject, to erect all the afore-recited necks, tracts and parcells of Land and meadow, beach, bay and Islands wth in ye limitts and bounds afore sd, into a lordshipp and mannour; and therefore, by these presents, wee doe, for us, our heirs and successors, erect, make and constitute all ye aforesd recited necks, tracts and parcells of Land and meadow, beach, bay and inlands within the limitts and bounds afore menconed together, wthall and every the above granted premises, wth all, and every of their appurtenances into one Lordship and mannour to all intents and purposes, and it is our Royall Will and pleasure that the sd Lordshipp and mannour shall, from henceforth, be called the Lordshipp and mannour of St. George's, and know yee that wee, reposing especiall trust and confidence in the loyalty, wisdome, Justice, pruedence and circumspection of our sd loveing subject doe, for us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto the sd Coll. Willm. Smith, and to heirs and assigns of him, the said Coll. William Smith, full power and authority, at all tymes, forever hereafter, in the sd lordshipp and mannour, one court Leet and Court Baron, to hold and keep at such tyme and tymes, and soe often, yearly, as he or they shall see meet, and all fines, issues and amercements at the sd Court Leet and Court Baron to be holden wth in the sd Lordshipp or mannour to be sett, forfeited, or imployed, or payable, or happening, at any time, to be payable by any of the Inhabitants of, or within the sd Lordshipp or mannour of St. George's, or the Limitts and bound thereof, and also, all and every of the power and authority hereinbefore menconed for the holding and keeping the sd Court Leet and court baron from tyme to tyme, and to award and issue out the accustomed writts to be issued and awarded out of the sd Court Leet and Court Baron to be kept by the heirs and assigns of the sd Coll. Willm. Smith forever, or their or any of their Stewards deputed and appoynted, with full and ample power and authority, to distraine for the rents, services, and other summs of money payable by virtue of the premises, and all other lawfull remedies and means for the having, possessing, levying and enjoyning the premises and every part and parcell of the same, and all waifes, estrayes, deodands, goods of ffellows happening and being forfeited within the said Lordshipp or mannour of St. George's, and all and every sum and summes, and summes of money, to be payd as a post fine upon any fine or fines to be levyed of any lands, tenements, or

hereditaments within the sd Lordshipp or mannor of St. George's, and wee doe also further give and grant unto the sd Coll. Willm Smith, his heirs and assigns that all and singular, the tenants of him, the sd Coll. Willm Smith, within the said mannor shall, and may at all tymes, hereafter meet together and choose assessors within the mannour aforesaid, according to the true rules, wayes and methods as are prescribed for cityes, townes and countyes within our said Province, &c., by the acts of Generall Assembly for the defraying the publick charge of each respective city, towne & county aforesaid, and all such summes of money soe assessed and levyed to collect and dispose off for such uses as the sd acts of Generall Assembly shall establish and appoynt, To Have, and to Hold, possess and enjoy, all & singular, the sd Lordshipp or mannour of St. George's and premisses, with all their and every of their appurtenances unto the sd Coll. Willm Smith, his heirs and assigns to the only proper use, benefit and behoofe of him, the sd Coll. Willm Smith, his heires and assigns forever, and that the sd Lordship and mannour aforesaid shall be and forever continue free and exempt from the Jurisdiction of any towne, township or mannor whatsoever to be holden of us, our heirs and successors in free and common soccage, according to the tennour of our mannor of East Greenwich, in the county of Kent, in our Kingdom of England, yielding, rendering therefore yearly, and every year forever, unto their most sacred Majesties aforesaid, their heirs and successors, or to such officer or officers as shall, from tyme to tyme, be empowered to receive the same, if demanded, twenty shillings, currant money of this Province, upon the tenth day of October, in lieu and stead of all services, dutyes or demands whatsoever.

Witness, Benjamin ffletcher, our Captaine Generall and Governour in Chief of our Province of New York and the territoyes depending thereon in America. Given at ffort Willm Hemry, in our city of New York, this ninth day of October, in the fifth year of our reigne, 1693.