

PATENT OF GOV. DONGAN

THOMAS DONGAN Capt. Generall Governor in Chiefe and Vice Admirall in and over the Province of Newyorke and Territoryes Depending thereon in America &c. under his Majesty JAMES the second By the grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the faith &c. To all whom this shall come sendeth GREETING Whereas the Right Honorable Edmund Andross Esquire Seigneur of Suzrainte Lievt, and Governr. Genll. under his Royall Highs James Duke of yorke and Albany &c: now his present Majesty of all his Territoryes in America did by a certaine writing or Patent under the seale of the Province bearing date the first day of November One thousand six hundred and seventy six grant Ratifye and confirme unto John Topping, Justice of the peace Capt. John Howell Thomas Halsey Senior Joseph Raynor Constable Edward Howell John Jagger John Foster and Francis Sayres Overseers Lievt. Joseph Fordham Henry Pierson John Cooper Ellice Cooke Samuell Clarke Richard Post and John Jenings as Patentees for and in behalfe of themselves and their Associates the freeholders and Inhabitants of the Towne of Southampton a certaine tract of Land lyeing and being scituate in the southside of Long Island in the Eastriding of Yorkshire towards the Maine sea the Eastward bounds where of extends to a certaine place or plaine called Wainscott where the bounds are settled betwixt their Neighbors of the Towne of Easthampton and them their southern bounds being the sea and so runns Westward to a place called Seatuck where a stake was sett at their furthest extent that way then crossing over the Island to the northward to Peaconack great river not contradicting the agreement made betweene their towne and the towne of southold after their tryall at the Court of Assizes and so to runn Eastward amongst their north bounds to the Easternmost part of Hoggenoch over against shelter Island includeing all the necks of Land and Islands within the aforesaid described bounds and limitts together with all Rivers Lakes waters quarries Woodland plaines meadowes pastures marshes fishing hawking hunting and fowling and all other profitts Comodityes and hereditaments to the said Towne tract of Land and premises within the Limitts and bounds aforesaid described belonging or in any wise appertaineing TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said Lands hereditaments and premisses with their and every of their appurtennces and of every part and parcell thereof to the said Patentees and their associates ther heires Successors and Assignes forever according to the tenure & custome of the Manor of East Greenwich within the County of Kent in England in free and Comon Soccage and by fealty only Provided alwayes notwithstanding that the extent of the bounds beforecited do nowayes prejudice or infringe the particular proprietyes of any person or persons who have right by Patent or other lawfull claime to any part or parcel of land or Tenements within the Limitts aforesaid only that all the Land and Plantacons within the said Limitts or bounds shall have relacon to the towne in Genll for the well government thereof And if it shall so happen that any part or parcell of the lands within the bounds and limitts aforesaid be not already purchased of the Indyans it may be purchased (as occasion) according to law And moreover he the said Edmund Andross Lievt and Governr Genll as aforesaid did further grant and confirme unto the said Patentees and their Associates their heires Successors and Assignes all the priviledges and Imunityes belonging to a towne within

this Government and that the place of their present habitacon & abode shall continue and retain the name of Southampton by which name & stile it shall be distinguished and knowne in all bargaines & sales Deed Records and writings they the said Patentees and their Associates their heires Successors and Assignes making improvement on the said land and confirming themselves according to law and yielding and paying therefore yearly & every yeare as an acknowledgement or Quittrent on fat lamb unto such officer or officers as shall be empowered to receive the same as by said Patent Recorded in the Secretaryes Office relation being thereunto had may more fully and at large appear And Whereas of Late some difference hath happened betweene the Inhabitants of said towne of Southampton and the Indyans adjacent to said towne concerning the bounds above specified and also that the clauses above expressed for constituting them a towne and giving them privileges & Jmunities are not sufficient in the law to convey to them such privileges & Jmunities as was designed to be given them AND Whereas Major John Howell a ffreeholder and one of the Patentees of the aforesaid towne of Southampton by Order of the ffreeholders of the said towne hath made application unto me that I would confirm unto ye ffreeholders of said Towne in a more full & ample manner all the abovesaid tracts and parcells of land within the limitts and bounds aforesaid and finally determine the difference between the Indyans and the ffreeholders of the said towne of Southampton And also that I would Erect the said towne of Southampton within the Limitts and bounds aforesaid into one Township NOW KNOW YEE That I the said Thomas Dongan By virtue of the power and authority to me derived from his most Sacred Majesty aforesaid and in pursuance of the same have examined the matter in variance between the ffreeholders of the said Towne of Southampton and the Indyans and do finde that the ffreeholders of the Towne of Southampton aforesaid have lawfully purchased the lands within the Limitts and bounds aforesaid of the Indyans and have paid them therefore according to agreement so that all the Indyan right by virtue of said purchase is invested into the ffreeholders of the Towne of Southampton aforesaid and for and in consideracon of the Quittrent hereinafter reserved and other good and lawfull consideracons me thereunto moveing Have Granted Ratified Released and Confirmed and by these presents do grant Ratifye Release and Confirme unto Major John Howell Thomas Hallsey Senior Edward Howell John Jagger John Foster Francis Sayres Joseph ffordham Henry Pearson Samuell Clarke Job Sayers William Barker Isaac Halsey ffreeholders & Inhabitants of Southampton heerin after erected and made one body Corporate and Politique and willed and determined to be called by the name of the trustees of the ffreeholders and commonality of the Towne of Southampton and their Successors all the afore recited tracts & necks of land within the bounds and limitts aforesaid together with all and singular the houses MESSUAGES Tenements buildings millnes millnedames fencings Inclosures gardens orchards fields pastures woods underwoods trees timber Comon of pastue feedings meadowes marshes swamps plaines Rivers Rivolets waters lakes ponds Brookes streames beaches Quarris mines minerals Creeks harbours highways and Easements fishing hawking hunting and fowling (silver and gold mines Excepted) and all other franchizes profitts Comodityes and hereditaments whatsoever to the said tracts & neckes of land and premises belonging or in any wise appurtaineing or therewith all used occupied accepted reputed or taken to belong or in any wayes to appertaine to all intents purposes and constructions whatsoever as also all and singular the rents arrearages of rents Issues and profitts of the said tract of land and

premises heretofore due and payable TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all the aforesaid tract and parcel of land and premises with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Major John Howell Thomas Hallsey Senior Edward Howell John Jagger John Foster Francis Sayres Joseph Fordham Henry Pierson Samuell Clarke Job Sayers William Barker Isaac Halsey freeholders and comonalty of the towne of Southampton and their Successors forever to and for the severall and Respective uses following and to no other use intent and purpose whatsoever That is to say as for and concerning all and singular the severall respective parcells of Land and meadow part of the granted premises in any wayes taken up and appropriated before the day of the date hereof unto the severall and respective present freeholders and Inhabitants of the said towne of Southampton by virtue of the aforesaid deed or Patent to the only use benefit and behoofe of the said respective present freeholders and Inhabitants and to their severall and respective heires and Assignes forever And as for and concerning all and every such parcel or parcels tract or tracts of land Remainder of the Granted premises not yet taken up or appropriated to an particular person or persons by virtue of the aforesaid deed or Patent to the use benefite and behoofe of such as have been purchasers thereof and their heires and assigns forever in proporcon to their severall and respective purchases thereof made as tenants in Comon without any lett hindrance or molestation to be had or reserved upon pretence of joynt tenancy or survivorship any thing contained herein to the contrary in any way notwithstanding TO BEE HOLDEN of his said Majesty his heires and Successors in free and Comon Socage according to the Mannor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent within his Majestyes Realme of England YEILDING rendering and paying therefore yearly and every yeare from henceforth unto our Sovereigne Lord the King his heires and Successors or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same the sume of one lamb or the value thereof upon the five and twentieth day of march at Newyorke in full of all Rents or former reserved rents services acknowledgements and demands whatsoever AND further By virtue of the power and authority to me the said Thomas Dongan as aforesaid given and in pursuance of the same and for the reasons and consideracons above recited I have willed determined declared and granted And by these presents do will determine declare and grant that the said Inhabitants and freeholders the freemen of Southampton aforesaid Comonly called by the name of the freeholders and Inhabitants of the towne of Southampton or by whatever name or names they are called or named & their heires and Successors forever hence forward are and shall be one body Corporate and Politique in Deed and name by the name of the trustees of the freeholders & comonalty of the towne of Southampton and them by the name of the Trustees of the freeholders and comanalty of the towne of Southampton one body corporate and Politique in Deed and name I have really and fully for his said Majesty his heires and Successors erected made ordained constituted and declared by these presents and that by the same name they have succession forever And that they and their Successors by the name of the Trustees of the freeholders and commonality of the towne of Southampton be and shall be forever in future times persons able and Capable in law to have perceive receive and possesse not only all and singular the premises but other messuages lands Tenements Priviledges Jurisdictions franchises and hereditaments of whatsoever kind or species they shall be to them and their Successors in free forever or for the term of a yeare or yeares or otherwise whatsoever manner it be and also goods Chattells and all other things of whatsoever name nature quality or species they shall be

and also to give grant release aliene assigne and dispose off lands Tenements hereditaments and all and every other act and acts thing and things to do and Execute by the name aforesaid and that by the same name of the trustees of the ffreeholders and comonalty of the towne of southampton to plead and be impleaded answer and be answered unto defend and be defended they are and may be Capable in whatsoever place and places and before whatsoever Judges and Justices or other persons or officialls of his said Majesty his heires and Successors in all & all manner of accons Plaints suites Complaints causes matters and demands whatsoever of what kind quality and species the same be and shall be in manner and forme as any other of his majestyes Liedge people within this Province can or are able to have require receive possesse Enjoy retaine give grant release aliene assigne and dispose plead & be impleaded answer and be answered unto defend and be defended do permitt or execute AND for the better enabling the Trustees of the ffreeholders and comonalty of the towne of Southampton aforesaid in doing and Executing all and singular the premisses I have willed granted and determined and by these presents do will grant and determine that from henceforward and forever hereafter the said Trustees of the ffreeholders and Comonalty of the towne of Southampton doe and may have and use a Common seale which shall serve to Execute the causes and affairs whatsoever of them and their Successors And further I will and by these presents in behalfe of his said Majesty his heires and Successors that henceforward forevermore there be and shall be Trustees of the ffreeholders and comonalty of the towne of Southampton aforesaid to be chosen and elected in these presents hereafter is menconed who shall be and shall be called the Trustees of the ffreeholders and Comonalty of the towne of Southampton and they and their Successors shall and may at all convenient times hereafter upon a publike summons to be obtened at the request of any three of the Trustees aforesaid from any of his Majesty's Justices of the peace of the said towne or for default thereof from any of the Justices of the County of Suffolk for the time being assemble and meet together in the towne house of the said towne or in such other publike place as shall be from time to time appointed to make such acts and orders in writing for the more orderly Doeing of the premisses as they the said Trustees of the ffreeholders and Comonalty of the towne of Southampton aforesaid and their Successors from time to time shall and may think CONVENIENT so allwayes as the said acts and orders be in no wayes repugnant to the laws of England and of this Province which now are or hereafter may be Established and that they be not in any wayes against the true intent and meaning of these presents AND also I will ordaine and determine that all and singular the aforesaid acts and orders from time to time shall be made and ordered by the vote of the Major part of the said Trustees of the ffreeholders and Comonalty of the towne of Southampton aforesaid or at least by the vote of the Major part of such of them as shall from time to time Assemble and meet together in manner as aforesaid so allwayes there be not fewer in number than seaven of the said Trustees present at such meetings so to be held as aforesaid and for the better execucon of this grant in this behalfe I have assigned nominated Created Constituted and made and by these presents do assigne nominate Create Constitute and make Major John Howell Thomas Halsey Senior Edward Howell John Jagger John Foster Francis Sayres Joseph Fordham Henry Pearson Samuell Clarke Job Sayers William Barker Isaac Halsey to stand and be the first modern Trustees of the ffreeholders and Comonalty of the Towne of Southampton to continue in the aforesaid Office from and after the date of these presents until the time

that others be elected and Chosen in their stead According to the manner and forme herein after expressed AND moreover I do by these presents for and on the behalfe of his Most Sacred Majesty aforesaid his heires and Successors appoint that the Trustees of the ffreeholders and Comonalty of the town of Southampton Constables and Assessors within the towne of Southampton aforesaid be yearly Chosen on the first tuesday of Aprill forever Viz: twelve Trustees of the ffreeholders and Comonalty of the towne of Southampton two Constables and two Assessors in such publique place as the trustees for the time being shall appoint and direct and that the Trusteess Constables and assessors be Chosen by the Majority of voices of the ffreeholders and freemen of the towne of southampton aforesaid AND Lastly I give and grant for and on behalfe of his said Majesty his heires and Successors by these presents to all and every person and persons and to whatsoever person subject to his said Majesty his heires and Successors free and lawfull power ability and authority that they or any of them any messuages Tenements Lands meadows feedings pastures woods underwoods rents revercons services and other hereditaments whatsoever within the said County of Suffolke (which they hold of his Sayd Majesty his heires and Successors unto the aforesaid Trustees of the ffreeholders and Comonalty of the towne of Southampton and their Successors shall and may Give grant Bargaine sell and alienate to have hold and Enjoy unto the said Trustees of the ffreeholders and Comonalty of the Towne of Southampton and their Successors forever YEILDING and paying therefor unto his said Majesty his heires and Successors on the said twenty fifth day of march yearly and every yeare forever the full and just sume of forty shillings Current money of this Province at Newyorke WHEREFORE by virtue of the power and authority aforesaid I do will and Command for and on behalfe of his said Majesty his heires & Successors that the aforesaid ffreeholders and Comonalty of the towne of southampton and their Successors have hold use and Enjoy And that they shall and may forever have hold use and Enjoy all the Libertyes authorityes Customes orders ordinances franchizes acquittances lands Tenements and hereditaments goods and Chattells aforesaid according to the tenure and effect of these presents without the lett or hinderance of any person or persons whatsoever IN TESTIMONY Whereof J have caused the seale of the said Province to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be entered in the Secretaryes Office Witness my hand at FORT JAMES the sixth day of December – One Thousand six hundred Eighty six & in the second yeare of his said Majestyes Reigne

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