

INDIAN DEED OF DEC. 13, 1640

This Indenture made the 13th day of December Anno Dom. 1640, between Pomatuck, Mandush, Mocomanto, Pathemanto, Wybennett, Wainmenowog, Heden, Watemexoted, Checkepuchat, the native Inhabitants and true owners of the eastern part of the Long Island on the one part, and Mr. John Gosmer, Edward Howell, Daniell How, Edward Needham, Thomas Halsey, John Cooper, Thomas Sayre, Edward ffarrington, Job Sayre, George Welbe, Allen Bread, William Harker, Henry Walton, on the other part, witnesseth, that the sayd Indians for due Consideration of sixteen coats already received, and also three score bushells of Indian corn to be paid vpon lawfull demand the last of September which shall be in the yeare 1641, and further in consideration that the above named English shall defend vs the sayd Indians from the unjust violence of whatever Indians shall illegally assaile vs, doe absolutely and forever give and grant and by these presents doe acknowledge ourselves to have given & granted to the partyes above mencioned without any fraud, guile, mentall Reservation or equivocation to them their heirs and successors forever all the lands, woods, waters, water courses, easemts, profits & emoluments, thence arising whatsoever, from the place commonly known by the name of the place where the Indians hayle over their canoes out of the North bay to the south side of the Island, from thence to possess all the lands lying eastward betweene the foresaid boundes by water, to wit all the land pertaining to the parteyes aforsaid, as also all the old ground formerly planted lying eastward from the first creek at ye westermore end of Shinecock plaine. To have & to hold forever without any claime or challenge of the least title, interest, or propriety whatsoever of vs the sayd Indians or our heyres or successors or any others by our leave, appointment, license, counsel or authority whatsoever, all the land bounded as is abovesaid. In full testimonie of this our absolute bargaine contract and grant indented and in full and complete ratification and establishment of this our act and deed of passing over all our title & interest in the premises with all emoluments & profits thereto appertaining, or in any wise belonging, from sea or land within our Limits above specified without all guile wee have sett to our hands the day and yeare above sayd.

Memorand. Before the subscribing of this present writing it is agreed that ye Indians above named shall have liberty to breake up ground for their vse to the westward of the creek aforementioned on the west side of Shinnecock plain.

Witnesses of the deliverie & subscribing of this writing.

“Abraham Pierson,	“Manatacut, his x mark,
“Edward Stephenson,	“Mandush, his x marke,
“Robart Terry,	“Wybenet, his x mark,
“Joseph Howe,	“Howes, his x mark,
“Thomas Whitehone,	“Setommecoke, his x mark,
“Joseph Griffeths,	“Mocomanto, his x mark,
“William Howe,	“these in the name of all the rest.

Recorded in ye office at New York Oct 3 1665, by Matthias Nicolls, Sec.