
Petition of Thomas Olive and Other Inhabitants of Burlington, N. J., in Favor of Henry Jacobs, Tenant, in Possession of Matiniconck Island.

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Burlington the 5th of ye 10th mo: 1678.

At the request of Henry Jacobs we whose names are under written doe give this our testimony in his behalfe To the Gouvernor of Yorke. The said Henry beeing tenant and in possession of the Island called Matinnaconck, when wee first came into this Country and behaved himselfe scivilly and fairly to us in our alsoe was

serviceable & helpful to us at the purchase of the land of the Indians, where many of us are now settled, being neare to the saide Iland of Mattinnaconcke and since the time of our settling being a neare neighbour to us hath beene redy to assist us at any time one the account of the Indians, And we beeing strangers to the Country and unaquainted with the Indian language have often had occation to make use of the aforesaide Henry amongst the Indians, whoe hath redily come to us from time to time to serue us and answeere our request, as occation has required and is equally concerned with Peeter Jegoe and both tennants to the Governor for the Iland as afforesaide. And itt haveing soe fallen ouet of late that another hath gott a graunt of the afforesaide Iland, which Henry Jacobs and Peeter Jegoe are now in possession of, And are very unwilling to forgoe it beeing now in a way to Improve the land and to raise some corne upon it they paying there yearly rent according to agreement and that another should so come to sucseed that hath been received and Entertained as a stranger in time of necessity and by reson the men are soe deserted and discouraged in that they are like to bee put out of there place wee can doe noe lesse than giue our testimony as aboue written, And doe not question that if the Gouvernorr comes to understand things thrughly butt that hee will sett all to writes.

Tho: Eues

Anthony Allen

Robert Powell

Sam^l Louett

William Brightwen

Daniel Wills

William Clayton ye younger

Robert Dunham

William Black

George Elkinton (?)

Tho: Olive

Daniel Wills

John Wolston

William Clayton the older

William Peachell

John Cripps

Tho: Harding

Peter Herrisons

William Matlock

T. Wright

William Woodhous

Joshua Bore

Andrew Smith

John Champion

Thomas Kendall

Thomas Palmer

Luke Brindly

John Rogers

Peter [P] Stringham

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