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# Abstract

of the Title of Christopher Seafferson Esquire to  
a Plantation called Wingfield Manor in the Parish of Saint Thomas in the  
Island of Saint Christopher in the West Indies. —

8<sup>th</sup> June 1682. Sir William Stapleton Bar<sup>t</sup>. Captain General & Chief Governor of the Caribbe Leeward Islands  
in America by Deed pole in pursuance of the Kings Commission Dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 1672 and by  
virtue of an Article in the same Empowering him to Lett sell and dispose of all such Lands Tenements  
and Hereditaments thereunto belonging that should fall or become due to the King and the same to  
dispose of under such moderate Quit Rents Acknowledgments or Services as should be deemed meet  
And likewise by virtue of the Kings Order in Council the 30<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1678 for Ascertainning the  
posseptions of his Subjects. On the behalf of the King for divers good Causes & Considerations Demised  
and Leased unto Christopher Seafferson Esquire.

A certain Plantation or Parcel of land in the Island of Saint  
Christopher called Wingfield Manor in the Old Road Division  
in the Parish of Saint Thomas Middle Island which was bounded  
South westerly with the Sea Shore at the Old Road and West  
Northerly with the Land of W. Henry Garbrant whence it is  
seperated by a line running North East 18 Degrees 34 Chains  
long or thereabouts & another thwart Line running North West  
68 Degrees 9 Chains & 90 Links or thereabouts and thence with  
Merryfield's Gutt running up 170 Chains or thereabouts accordg  
to the sundry windings and turnings of the said Gutt to the head  
thereof next Merryfield's Land is called thence 12 Chains ascendg  
a Bridge & descending it again to come to a Gutt commonly called  
Nine Turning Gutt thence descending in the said Nine Turning Gutt  
about 42 Chains to the path which crosseth the Country over the  
Mountains & from the said path descending in the premised Gutt  
about 21 Chains to come to the Great Springs of water which is the  
Head of the Old Road River thence with the said Old Road River  
descending into the Sea at the Old Road next the Land of Ensign  
Charles Mathew. Together with all Houses woods Underwoods &c.

To hold to the said Christopher Seafferson his Heirs Executors Administrators  
and Assigns in free & common Socage for ever.

At the yearly Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn to the King his Heirs &  
Successors (if demanded) for ever.

Signed W<sup>m</sup>. Stapleton and sealed with the Kings Seal for the Caribbe Leeward Islands.

Recorded 17. June 1682 in Register N<sup>o</sup>. C. folio 43.

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3<sup>d</sup> April } James Earl of Carlisle by Indenture devised bargained and sold to John Seafferson of High  
4<sup>th</sup> Car. 1<sup>st</sup> } Holborn Esquire & Edward Johnson Esquire

Divers Lands in the Island of Saint Christopher containing one  
Thousand Acres more or less.

To hold the same for 1000 Years at £5 p<sup>er</sup> Annum.

5<sup>th</sup> October 1659. The said John Seafferson by his will of this Date (amongst other things) Directed that £50 per Ann<sup>um</sup> should be paid to his wife out of the profits of his Plantations in Saint Christophers in case so much clear profits should be returned from thence -

And further directed that when his Son Christopher should arrive at the Age of 22 Years the Acc<sup>t</sup> of his Manor of Wingfield in Saint Christophers should be made to his said Son and the Rent paid to him as his Son and Heir at Law if he should be then living and if defunct - Then that the profits should be paid to Mary his Daughter & if it should happen that she should be also defunct. Then the Testator willed that the profits should go & accrue to Samuel The son of Captain Samuel Seafferson his Nephew defunct.

9<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>y 1675. By Indenture Between John Seafferson of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of Suffolk Gentleman Executor of the said John Seafferson of High Holborn of the one part and Christopher Seafferson of Westminster Esquire son & Heir of the said John Seafferson deceased of the other part.

\_\_\_\_\_ we Demise and will -

The said John Seafferson in pursuance of the said will and in consideration of 10<sup>l</sup> Did Bargain sell and Assign unto the said Christopher Seafferson

The said Manor of Wingfield being part of the Lands in the said recited Indenture granted And all other the Lands & Hereditam<sup>ts</sup> which were devised unto or came to the said John Seafferson partly thereto by the will of the said John Seafferson deceased or his taking upon him the Execution thereof.

To hold to the said Christopher Seafferson his Executors Administrators and Assigns for all the Estate Term & Interest which the said John Seafferson then had to come therein.

Executed by John Seafferson & recorded in the Secretary's Office in the Register B. fo. 18  
19, 20. the 16<sup>th</sup> August 1676.

7<sup>th</sup> July 1725. The said Christopher Seafferson then of Dullingham aforesaid Esq<sup>r</sup> by his will (attested only by two witnesses) did give and bequeath unto Christopher Seafferson his Godson Eldest son of his Kinsman John Seafferson of Clapton in the County of Suffolk Gentleman.

All that his Plantation situate lying & being in the Island of Saint Christophers in the West Indies with all & singular the Appurtenances thereto belonging or any wise appertaining then or lately in the tenure or occupation of

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bet. Christoph<sup>r</sup> Seafferson &  
Michael Lambert



Captain Charles Dym or his Assigns -

And to the Heir Male of the Body of the S. Christ. Scafferson & for want of such Issue  
To the fourth fifth & sixth sons of the said John Scafferson of Clapton successively -  
one after another as they shall be in seniority of Age and priority of Birth & to  
the respective Heir Male of their Bodies lawfully begotten the Elder of such sons  
the Heir Male of his Body being always to be preferred before the Younger of such  
sons & the Heir of his Body and for want of such Issue male lawfully begotten  
To the said John Scafferson senior & to his Heir Male for ever.

And appointed the said Christopher Scafferson & In. Scafferson Executors of his said will.

Proved in the prerogative Court of Canterbury 8<sup>th</sup> December 1725 by Christopher Scafferson  
Esquire - The said John Scafferson having renounced.

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March 1725. By Indentures of Lease & Release the latter being Quadrupartite and made Between John -  
Scafferson of Clapton in the County of Suffolk Gentleman (Cousin & Heir of Colonel John Scafferson -  
theretofore of High Holborn deceased & Grandson & Heir of John the son of Joseph Scafferson deceased Eldest -  
Brother of the said John Scafferson of High Holborn deceased & And also son & Heir of Samuel Scafferson dece<sup>d</sup>  
Eldest or only son of the said John the son of the said Joseph Scafferson & likewise Cousin & Heir at Law of  
the said Christopher Scafferson late of Dullingham aforesaid Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased who was the only son & Heir at  
Law of ~~John Scafferson~~ John Scafferson late of High Holborn) of the first part, Christopher Scafferson of the Middle  
~~John Scafferson~~ eldest son & Heir Apparent of the said John Scafferson party to the now abstracted  
Indenture of the second part, The Rev. Francis Folkard Rector of Clapton aforesaid & Allen Goodwin of  
Ipswich in the said County of Suffolk woollen Draper of the third part and John Bush of London  
upholder of the fourth part.

Reciting the above abstracted will of the said John Scafferson of High Holborn dated 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1695.  
And also reciting the will or writing purporting to be the will of the said Chris. Scafferson deceased  
dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 1725.

And further reciting that the said John Scafferson party thereto claimed that he upon the  
death of the said Christopher Scafferson deceased by virtue of the will of the said John Scafferson of  
High Holborn deceased and the limitations therein contained was rightfully entitled to the  
Freehold and Inheritance in Fee of several Tenements & Hereditaments therein particularly  
mentioned.

And further reciting that questions had arisen between the said John Scafferson & Chris.  
Scafferson parties to the same Indenture concerning the validity of the said will of the said  
Christopher Scafferson deceased and the Execution thereof so far as concerned the Real Estates -  
therein comprized and that for compromising & quieting all questions and disputes & all other  
differences which might otherwise arise between them - It was agreed

That the said Christopher Scafferson party thereto should pay or cause to be paid to the said  
John Scafferson also party thereto the sum of £5000.

And also reciting that the said John Scafferson should retain £600 principal money &  
all Interest which was due from him on a Mortgage to the said Christopher Scafferson deceased  
and that the same John Scafferson should not intermeddle in the Execution of the will of the said



Christopher Seafferson deceased & should release unto his Son Christopher the Executorship & all his right & interest therein and all Benefit that might arise thereby and all his Interest in the Surplus of the Testator's Personal Estate which sh<sup>d</sup> remain after payment of his Debts Legacies Funeral Charges & other Charges by the will provided for and that the said Christopher Seafferson party thereto was to oblige himself to apply the Testator's Personal Estate according to the Will and to indemnify his Father against any neglect in the Execution of the will or by reason of the said John Seafferson's being named an Executor & that the same Chris<sup>r</sup>. Seafferson was also to oblige himself to pay £200 a piece to each of his five younger Brothers and two Sisters besides over & above £200 a piece bequeathed to them by the said Testator Christopher Seafferson deceased

It is therefore by the now abstracting Indenture witnessed that in pursuance of the said Agreement & for and in consideration of £5000 paid to the said John Seafferson by the said Christopher Seafferson & also in consideration of Five shillings to the same John Seafferson & Christopher Seafferson paid by the said Francis Folkard and Allen Goodwin. They the said John Seafferson & Christopher Seafferson parties thereto Did grant and confirm unto the said Francis Folkard & Allen Goodwin & their Heirs.

All that Plantation of the said Christopher Seafferson deceased situate lying and being in the Island of Saint Christophers in the West Indies with all & singular the Hereditaments & Appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining then or late in the Tenure or Occupation of Captain Charles Pym or his Ass<sup>ts</sup>.

And the Reversion &c - And all the Estate &c.

To the use of the said Christopher Seafferson party thereto & his Heirs male lawfully to be begotten - Rem<sup>r</sup>.

To Joseph Seafferson fourth son of s<sup>r</sup>. In<sup>o</sup>. Seafferson of party & his Heirs Male - Rem<sup>r</sup>.

To Benj<sup>n</sup>. Seafferson fifth son of s<sup>r</sup>. In<sup>o</sup>. Seafferson & his Heirs Male - Rem<sup>r</sup>.

To Robert Seafferson sixth son of s<sup>r</sup>. In<sup>o</sup>. Seafferson & his Heirs Male - Rem<sup>r</sup>.

To said John Seafferson the party his Heirs & Assigns for ever.

Covenant to levy a Fine which was thereby declared should enure To the uses aforesaid.

Executed by said John Seafferson & Christopher Seafferson Receipt for £5000 & £1000 (indorsed).

Easter Term 13<sup>th</sup> Geo. 1. Indentures of Fine between Francis Folkard & Allen Goodwin Plaintiffs and John Seafferson Esquire & Ann his wife and Christopher Seafferson Esquire - Defendants - (int. alia)  
Of divers lands in the Island of Saint Christophers

30<sup>th</sup> November 1728. By Indenture between the said Christopher Seafferson of the one part and Charles Pym Esquire of the other part.

The said Christopher Seafferson demised to the said Charles Pym.

All that his plantation & manor of Wingfield in the Island of Saint Christophers with the Appurtenances containing



by Estimation 960 acres of Land Pasture and wood more or  
less abutting South on the Sea - East on the Old Road River -  
West upon Merryfield Gutt and the Lands late W. Henry  
Garbrants and North upon the Mountains running up  
above nine Turnings Gutt

To hold from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March then next for 32 Years -  
At the Yearly Rent of £250.

25 March 1737. The said Christopher Scafferson by Indenture demised to the said Charles Pym

The said Plantations & premises in Saint Christopher's -  
For the term of 500 Years for securing £2200 & Interest due on Bonds bearing  
even date therewith.

27 Septe<sup>r</sup>. 1738. - The said Christopher Scafferson charged the said Estates with the payment of the further sum  
of £800 and Interest to the said Charles Pym.

20 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1739. The s<sup>r</sup>. C. Scafferson by his Bond became bound to s<sup>r</sup>. Cha<sup>s</sup>. Pym for sec<sup>t</sup>. £400 + Int. at 4 p<sup>r</sup>. Cent on 25 March then next.

13<sup>th</sup> December 1739. The said Charles Pym by his will gave his Daughter Priscilla Pym afterwards Lady Romney -  
All his Estate Real & Personal & appointed her his sole Heir & Executrix his Friends after named -  
be ~~mentioned~~ mentioned only Executors in Trust for her till she should marry or be of the Age of  
~~John Willett Senr. Jeremiah Brown and William Pym Esquires and~~ John Willett Senr. Jeremiah Brown and William Pym Esquires and  
Samuel Hawkes Executors in Trust of his said will.

The said Jeremiah Brown proved the said will but the Daughter attaining her Age of 21 the  
Probate granted to him ceased and expired and probate was afterwards granted to Lady Romney.

22 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1740. The said Christopher Scafferson borrowed £200 more of the said Charles Pym & gave a Bond for  
securing payment of the same with Interest at 4 p<sup>r</sup>. Cent.

18 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1743. The said Christopher Scafferson by his will attested by Three witnesses gave to his Youngest Son  
Shuckburgh Scafferson £2000 to be paid at 21.

To his Daughter Elizabeth Scafferson £2000 to be paid to her at 21 or Marriage provided she  
married with the Consent of her Guardians otherwise to forfeit £1500 of the said £2000 to her Eldest  
Brother Christopher Scafferson or his Heirs.

And charged his Real Estate with the above sums.

And ordered that his Estate in the West Indies, his Manor House at Dullingham with the  
Manor & perpetual Advowson of the Vicarage thereof should be sold towards raising & paying the above  
sums But as to the Sale of his Manor House at Dullingham he left the same to the discretion of Sir  
Stukeley Shuckburgh & his wife Elizabeth Scafferson whom he appointed his Executors.

7 June 1749. By Indenture between Robert Lord Romney & the said Priscilla his wife Executrix of the said Charles  
Pym of the first part, George Brooke Gent. and John Wale Esquire of the second part and the said  
Elizabeth Scafferson Executrix of the said Christopher Scafferson of the third part?



20<sup>th</sup> Oct 1787  
to Romney & his wife  
30<sup>th</sup> lease  
35<sup>th</sup> March 1758  
counterpart  
of lease

Reciting the said Securities to the said Charles Pym & his Death & Will and the said Christ:  
Seafferson's Death and Will - And that the said Elizabeth Seafferson alone had proved. And  
that by an account stated between her and Lord Romney & his wife there appeared to remain  
due for principal & Interest on the said Securities the sum of £1963..7.-

It is witnessed that in Consideration of £1963..7. to Lord Romney & his wife paid  
by the said Elizabeth Seafferson in full of all principal & Interest due on the said  
recited Securities and in consid<sup>n</sup>. of 5<sup>l</sup>. a piece to Lord Romney & his wife paid by the  
said George Brooke & John Wale The said Lord Romney & his wife by the directions  
of the said Elizabeth Seafferson Did assign to the said George Brooke & John Wale

The said Plantation Manor and Estate in the  
Island of Saint Christopher aforesaid.

To hold (Subject to the said Lease of the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1728.) to the said  
George Brooke and John Wale their Executors Administrators & Assigns  
for the remainder of the said Term of 500 years.

In Trust for the said Elizabeth Seafferson her Executors Administrators & Assigns To the  
Intent that the same might remain liable to answer the purposes in the will of the said  
Christopher Seafferson discharged of the said £1963..7.-

And reciting that the said Bond of the 25. March 1737. in the Penalty of £4400 Conditioned  
for payment of £2200 was lost

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ further witnessed that for the considerations aforesaid the said Lord Romney  
and his wife released the said Elizabeth Seafferson from the said Bond and all  
Monies secured thereby.

Registered 5<sup>th</sup> September 1749 Book N. Page 477. in the Register's Office at St. Christopher's -

30<sup>th</sup> March 1784 Christopher Seafferson of Dullingham in the County of Cambridge Esquire by his will of this Date -  
(amongst other Estates) gave and Devised

All his Estates Plantations in the Island of Saint Chris:  
in the West Indies and every part & parcel thereof with their &  
every of their rights members hereditaments & Appurtenances  
belonging or any ways appertaining

To & to the use of his son Chris:<sup>r</sup> Seafferson & the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten & in  
default of such Issue.

To his Daughter Sarah Elizabeth Seafferson & the heirs of her body & for want thereof -  
To and to the use of his own right heirs for ever.

The said Testator appointed his said son Christopher Seafferson the Reverend John Francis  
and Dinah Secker Executors of his said will

Proved

W<sup>o</sup> Seafferson the Testator's widow (died in June 1792.



5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March 1793. Indentures of Lease & Release. The Release made Between Christopher Scafferson of Dullingham  
in the County of Cambridge Esquire the only Son & Heir at Law & a Devise named in the last will & Testam<sup>t</sup>  
of Christopher Scafferson late of the same Place Esquire deceased of the one part and William Johnson the  
younger of the Inner Temple London Gentleman of the other part

It is witnessed that in order to dock & extinguish all Estates Tail created or limited by the  
said will or otherwise of e in the several hereditaments therein after mentioned to bar all  
remainders & reversions expectant or depending upon such estates tail & in consideration  
of 10<sup>l</sup> paid by the said W<sup>m</sup> Johnson to the said Christopher Scafferson the party he the  
said Christopher Scafferson Did grant ~~sell~~ release & confirm unto the said  
William Johnson & his Heirs.

All that plantation or parcel of Land in the Island of  
Saint Christopher called Winckefield otherwise Wingfield -  
Manor (bounded and described as mentioned in the first  
abstracted Indenture of Demise dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 1682.) -  
And all other plantations & parcels of Land of him the  
Christopher Scafferson the party lying & being in the said  
Islands of S<sup>t</sup>. Christopher And all Messuages or Tenements  
Houses Outhouses Mills Mills Curing Houses Boiling Houses  
and Buildings standing or being on the said premises and  
all ways Roads Paths passages lights Enclosures waters -  
Water Courses woods Underwoods Privileges Profits Commodities  
Emoluments Advantages Hereditam<sup>t</sup> & Appurtenances whatso<sup>ev</sup>  
to the said Plantations Heredit<sup>s</sup> & premises belonging or appert<sup>ing</sup>  
And the Reversion &c - And all the Estate &c.

To hold the same premises with their Appert<sup>ing</sup> unto & to the use of the S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Johnson &  
his Heirs.

Upon Trust for the said Chris<sup>t</sup>. Scafferson the party his Heirs & Assigns  
for ever & to convey the same accordingly

Executed by Christopher Scafferson.

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March 1793. Indentures of Lease & Release, the Release made between the said William Johnson the Younger of  
the one part and the said Christopher Scafferson of the other part

Reciting the last abstracted Indentures of Lease and Release

And it is witnessed that in pursuance & performance of the said Trust reposed in  
the said William Johnson as aforesaid & in consideration of 10<sup>l</sup> paid by the said Chris<sup>t</sup>.  
Scafferson to the said William Johnson - he the said William Johnson Did grant buy<sup>er</sup>  
sell release & confirm unto the said Christopher Scafferson & his Heirs.

All the same last mentioned Premises.  
To hold the same unto and to the use of the said Christopher Scafferson his  
Heirs & Assigns for ever - leav<sup>ing</sup> by S<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Johnson that he has done nothing to incumber  
Executed by said William Johnson.







