

March 7<sup>th</sup>  
1644

It was ordered by the Generall  
Court that the Town of Southampton shall  
enter into a Declaration wch the Governing  
of the Countrey

It is ordered by this Court that wch  
by the Providence of God, there shall be  
four wards within the bounds of the plantation  
wch shall be wch for the main-  
tenance of defence y<sup>e</sup> is ordered that  
Southampton shall be divided into four wards  
wch shall be wch in each ward y<sup>e</sup> shall be  
two of the ward wch any just wch shall be  
wch shall be employed for the cutting out of  
the wch wch for their wch shall have  
a double share the wch shall be  
of age, wch shall be the wch of the wch  
part an equal proportion, provided that just person  
wch y<sup>e</sup> shall wch a sufficient man  
to be employed aboute y<sup>e</sup>

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And y<sup>e</sup> is further ordered that there shall  
be in each ward eleven persons  
for y<sup>e</sup> first ward William Barnes, Geo: Wood,  
Thomas Coopers, Richard Swanton, Job Sayer,  
Thomas Bowers, John Robins, William Mulford,  
Thomas Halley, John Thomas, Calmago, Sr,  
and Mr. Gagnob.

for y<sup>e</sup> second ward Richard Gagnob, Thomas  
Calmago, Sr, Mr. Justice Robert Kefe, Mr  
Gagnob, Thomas Halley, Sr, Mr. Stamborough,  
Richard Barnes, Richard Post, Thomas Tompson,  
Robert Calmago.

for the third ward Richard Gagnob, Arthur  
Boyer, Henry Justice, John Gagnob, Thomas  
Gagnob, John Mulford, John Moore, Eliz  
Gagnob, Robert Bond, John Dames & Mr. Home

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for the fourth ward  
Item ~~Robert King~~ ~~George Smith~~ ~~John~~ ~~James~~  
Cory, ~~Mr Howell~~, ~~Mr. O. S. H.~~ ~~Mr. S. H.~~  
~~Howell~~ ~~Richard Smith~~ & ~~Thomas Sayre~~

It is further ordered that Mr. Howell, Mr. Gofiner and Robert King shall give notice after any storm or storming to give notice then into two persons at they are before mentioned, and so from time to time into two persons, one of which two shall give the notice and give of there be any such staff as to fall at the South Star tower, and the other shall give into the Lord James Bay and Mearns beginning at the windmill. And if any person whose name is by way of formation to give upon discovery and shall not fully perform the same shall forfeit ten shillings or be imprisoned.

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It is ordered that the Lott which was belonging unto Mr. How <sup>being</sup> next unto the ~~parsonage~~ ~~house~~ shall be reserved for an ~~other~~ ~~lot~~ and the Lott which was formerly ~~Thomas~~ ~~Hull~~ and reserved for an ~~estate~~ ~~lot~~ ~~was~~ ~~being~~ ~~an~~ Mr. Howell as his own right of inheritance.

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John Cory hath granted unto him two Acres of Land next unto William Mulford's all except be here to be said.

Robert King hath granted unto him an Acre of new ground or an Acre or half of it to be here being next unto William Mulford's plantation the great expense.