

Commission of Colonel Thomas Dongan to be Governor of New-York.

[New-York Entries, CLI. 39.]

WHEREAS it hath pleased y^e Kings most Excellent Ma^{tie} my Sovereigne Lord & Brother by his letters Pattents to give and grant unto me and my heires and assignes All that part of y^e Maine land of New England begining at a certaine place called or knowne by the name of S^t Croix next adjoyneing to New Scotland in America and from thence extending along y^e Sea Coast unto a certaine placed called Pemaquin or Pemaquid and soe up y^e River thereof to y^e furthest head of y^e same as it tendeth Northward and extendeth thence to y^e River Kinebequi and soe upwardes to y^e shortest course to y^e River Canada Northward. And also all y^t Island or Islands cōmonly called by y^e severall name or names of Matowacks or Long Island scituate lyeing and being towards y^e West of Cape Codd and y^e Narrow Higansetts abutting upon the Maine land betweene y^e two Rivers there called or knowne by y^e sev^rall names of Connectecut and Hudsons river, together alsoe wth y^e said river called Hudsons River and all y^e land from the West Side of Connectecut river to y^e East side of Delaware Bay And alsoe all y^{se} severall Islands called or knowne by the name of Martyn Vyniards and Mantukes otherwise Mantukett,¹ together with all y^e lands islands soyles rivers harbours mines mineralls quarries woods marshes waters lakes fishings, hau[k]ing hunting and fowling, and all other

¹ "Nantukes otherwise Nantukett." Official copy in *Book of Commissions*, I. 59. — Ed.

royalties and profits commodities & hereditaments to y^e said severall islands lands and premisses belonging & apperteyning with their and every of their appurtenances. To hold the same by^t my owne proper use and behoofe, wth power to correct punish pardon governe and rule y^e inhabitants thereof by my selfe or such Deputyes Comission^{rs} or Offic^{rs} as I shall thinke fitt to appoint as by his Ma^{ty}s said Lett^{rs} Pattents may more fully appeare. And whereas I have since for divers good causes and consideracons by severall instrum^{ts} und^r my hand and seale bargained sold released and confirmed unto Sir George Carterett (late Vice Chamberlaine to His Ma^{ty}s Household) and his heires, and unto Edward Billing and others and their heires, all y^t tract of land (p^rcell of y^e p^rmisses) comonly called or knowne by the names of East and West New Jersey, scituate on the West side of Hudsons River according to certaine Boundaries more particularly expressed in y^e s^d sev^rall instrum^{ts} and und^r certaine rents and coven^{ts} as therein relacôn being thereunto had may more fully appeare. AND WHEREAS I have conceived a good opinion of the integrity prudence ability and fitness of Coll. Thomas Dongan to be employed as my Lieuten^t there, I have therefore thought fitt to constitute and appoint him y^e said Coll: Tho^{se} to be my L^t and Gov^r within y^e lands islands and places aforesaid (except the said East and West New Jersey) to performe & execute all and every the powers w^{ch} are by the said lett^{rs} pattents granted unto me to be executed by me my Deputy Agent or Assignes TO HAVE AND TO HOLD y^e said place of Lieutenant & Gov^r unto him the said Coll: Thomas Dongan but dureing my will and pleasure only; Hereby willing and requiring all and every the Inhabitants of the said lands Islands and places (except as before excepted) to give obedience unto him the said Coll. Thomas Dongan in all things, according to the tenour of his Ma^{ty}s Letters Pattents, And y^e said Coll: Tho Dongan to observe follow and execute such Ord^{rs} and direccôns as he shall from time to time receive from my selfe. Given und^r my hand and seale at S^t James's the 30th day of September 1652.