

Indians from his excellency, *et cet.*, that they both mix their grants together, and that the land that is specified in both grants, be jointly bought and paid for; *viz.*: for Thomas Swartwout and company seven shares, and, for Gerrit Aertsen and company twenty shares, and that what money has been expended in obtaining the said grants, or otherwise paid, shall in no way be brought into the common account, but all what has already been paid to the Indians by any of the said parties, on account of said land, when the Indians owned the same, it must be allowed and paid for in twenty-seven shares; as also that Thomas Swartwout and company shall have and enjoy as a prerogative, without giving any particular satisfaction for the same, seventy-seven morgens of land out of the land of Manjoar, the Indian, but that lots shall be cast for the same, and what lot falls to the said Thomas Swartwout and company shall be the property of the said Thomas Swartwout and company as soon as the land shall be bought of the Indians. In King's Town, the third day of June, 1696.

“Henry Beckman, Johannis Wyncoop,
“Derik Schepmoes, William De Myer.”¹

As soon as the land was purchased, Thomas Swartwout and his co-partners obtained letters-patent for the tract called Maghaghkemeck. Inasmuch as the legal instrument comprises a wordy amplification of the subject-matter too expanded to be presented here in its entirety, an epitome of it may serve the reader for a satisfactory comprehension of its important and descriptive particulars:

“William the third, by the grace of God, king of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, *et cet.*

“To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

“Whereas our loving subjects Jacob Cōdebec, Thomas Swartwout, Anthony Swartwout, Barnardus Swartwout, Jan Tys, Peter Gimar, and David Jamison have by their petition presented unto his Excellency Col^l. Benjamin Fletcher, our captain-generall and governour-in-chiefe of our province of New York, in America, *et cet.*, prayed our grant and confirmation of a certaine quantity of land, for which they had licence to purchase from the Indians, at a place called Maghaghkemeck, being the quantity of twelve hundred acres, beginning at the bounds of the land called Nepenack [and extending] to a small runn of water, called by the Indians' name As-sawaghkemeck, and so alongst said run of water and the land of Mansjoor, the Indian, which request we being willing to grant, know yee, that of our speciall

¹ Laws and Acts of the General Assembly. Bradford, pp. 208, 209.