

He was prominent in the province in 1727, for after the death of George I., on October 19th, 1727, Arthur Middleton, president and commander in chief of the Province of Carolina, had given orders to summon his Majesty's Honorable Council and the members of the Commons House of Assembly to meet him in Charleston on the 30th October, that proclamation might be made on the following day of the succession of his Majesty George II.

Accordingly, on October 31st, such proclamation was made with great pomp and ceremony, signed by the "governor and council, with numbers of the principal planters and inhabitants of this province," and amongst the signers we find René Ravenel, P. de St. Julien and J. de St. Julien. *Colonial Records, vol. XIII. page 33 et seq.*

"Wantoot" was a well known and established place, at least as early as 1715, and we find frequent references to the Fort there.

The name of "Wantoot" is, of course, still retained on the plantation in St. Johns; and has been also transplanted to the mountains of Western North Carolina within the last twenty years, when it was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. S. Prioleau Ravenel as a name for their beautiful country home near Highlands, Macon county. This house stands on a table-land 4,000 feet above sea level, overlooking "Sahwillah Valley," and affording to the front a glorious view of the country lying below and eastward of the mountains till earth and sky meet, while off to the northward rises the magnificent peak of "Whitesides" mountain, familiar with the clouds.

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"In the Indian war of 1715, St. Johns and St. Stevens parishes were the frontiers of the Province. In or near them were three forts, the first on Cooper river, about three or four miles below Monk's Corner on the plantation of Mr. Thos. Broughton, called Mulberry. One was on Mr. Daniel Ravenel's plantation, called Wantoot; another on a plantation of Mr. Izard's, called Schinskins,\* on the Santee river." Ram-

\*No doubt meaning the place of Mr. Bernard Schinking, who was apparently a member of assembly about 1689. See Oldmixon, Carroll's Collections, vol. 1.