

In such limited examination of the office of the Secretary of State as has been possible to me, I have not succeeded in again finding this list. It is known that in 1670 some Huguenots came over to the colony with the English governor, Sayle. (See Charleston Year Book, 1885.) Isaac Porcher may have been amongst these. Perhaps we should find some very early grant to him except for the fact that the records of grants, with other records prior to 1692, were burnt about that date, as is shown by a letter of Gov. William Bull to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, under date of Sept. 8, 1765. (See Colonial Records, vol. XXX., p. 271.)

Many of the older records in the Secretary's office are fast going to pieces; the indexing is extremely imperfect, and the provision for their care inadequate.

But Isaac Porcher frequently appears both as a grantee of land and as a deputy surveyor upon these records about the turn of the centuries, say the period from 1690 to 1710 or 1715. Earlier grants may be met with, notwithstanding the fire, because a paper could be recorded years after its date. Maj. Jas. G. Gibbes, State Land Agent, whose assistance was kindly extended to me in my search, has since written further on the subject: "I find that lands were granted to Isaac Porcher about 1690. None of the land grants are older than 1680, or at any rate, we have no indexes that go beyond that date."

Isaac Porcher's wife was 69 years old in 1726. If we allow him a few years seniority over her, in 1670 he would have been at the age when young men are fit for new enterprises and ventures.

Philip Porcher, of "Old Field" plantation, who died in 1800, is said to have paid taxes on \$585,000 of property. He owned an immense amount of land in Craven county, now St. Stephen's Parish, and also four hundred and sixty-four slaves. Among his other real estate was a house on