

(18th)
GEORGE

The Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland; KING, Defender of the Faith, and so forth: To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: Know Ye, That of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, We have Given, Granted, Ratified, and Confirmed; and DO by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Give, Grant, Ratify, and Confirm, unto Our loving subject David Wooster Esquire, being a reduced Captain, having served in North America during the late War, and last belonging to our Fifth Regiment of Foot: All that certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being on the East side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany, within our Province of New York; Beginning on the North side of a Creek that empties into Lake Champlain, at a point called Hospital point; and run thence along the North side of the said Creek, and run to a Great Meadow where this Creek and another Creek shade; Then South Seventy five Chains to a Tract of Land surveyed for Captain Valentini Grenier; Then East One hundred and five Chains to a white pine Tree marked with the Letter DW; Then North One hundred and twenty nine Chains; Then West One hundred and eighty Chains, to Lake Champlain; and then along the said Lake as it runs to the place where this Tract first began, containing Three thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance of Highways.

TOGETHER with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: And also, ALL Our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of, in, and to the same, and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; Except, and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors for ever; ALL MINES OF GOLD AND SILVER; AND ALSO, ALL WHITE or other Sort of PINE-TREES fit for Masts for the Growth of Twenty-four Inches Diameter and upwards, at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us, Our Heirs and Successors. To have and to hold the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments, by these Presents Granted, Ratified, and Confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their, and every of their Appurtenances, (except as is herein before excepted) unto the said David Wooster, his Heirs and Assigns, To the only proper Use and Behoof of him the said David Wooster his Heirs and Assigns for ever; to be holden of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in free and common Socage, as of Our Manor of East Greenwich, in Our County of Kent, within Our Kingdom of Great Britain, free, clear, and exempted of and from all Quit-Rent to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, until the full End and Term of Ten Years from the Date of these Presents: And after the Expiration of the said Ten Years, then Rents, Rendering, and Paying therefore yearly, for every Year thereafter, unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, at Our Custom-House, in Our City of New-York, unto Our or their Collector, or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and Six-pence, Sterling, for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and excepting such Parts allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties, and Demands whatsoever, for the hereby granted Lands and Premises, or any Part thereof. PROVIDED Always, and upon Condition nevertheless, That if the said David Wooster, his Heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them, shall not within Three Years next ensuing the Date hereof, settle as many Families on the Tract of Land hereby granted as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres thereof: Or if he the said David Wooster, his Heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them shall not also within Three Years as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate, at the least Three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation: Or if the said David Wooster, his Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons by his, their, or any of their Privy, Consent, or Procurement, shall sell, cut down, or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal Licence of Us, Our Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained: Or if this Our present Grant shall not be registered, and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date hereof, in Our Secretary's Office, in Our City of New-York, in Our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and a Docquet thereof be also entered in Our Auditor's Office there for Our said Province; that then and in any of these Cases, this Our present Grant, and every Thing therein contained shall cease, be absolutely void and of no Effect; and the Lands and Premises hereby granted, shall revert to, and vest in Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as if this Our present Grant had not been made; any Thing herein before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And We DO moreover, of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, consent and agree, that this Our present Grant, being registered, recorded, and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, whatsoever, against Us, Our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbouding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in, or any wise concerning the above granted Lands and Premises, or any Part thereof. In Testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellors Golden

Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America,

(In Pursuance of Our Royal Proclamation of the Seventh Day of October, in the Third Year of Our Reign,) at Our Fort, in Our City of New-York, the Eleventh Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty seven, in the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

Examined With the Originals

Phannas Geo

Alt text: 18th century land patent for David Wooster with mix of printed and handwritten text.

Transcription

Military patent for David Wooster

Series:

A0447

Identifier:

NYSA_A0447-79_V1_p157

George The Third, by the Grace of GOD, of **Great-Britain, France, and Ireland;** King, Defender of the Faith, *and so forth: To all to whom* these Presents shall come, *Greeting;* **Know Ye**, That of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, **We** have Given, Granted, Ratified, and Confirmed; and DO by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Give, Grant, Ratify and Confirm, unto

Our loving Subject, David Wooster Esquire, being a reduced Captain, having Served in North America during the late War, and last belonging to our Fifty first Regiment of Foot: All that certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being on the East side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany, within our Province of New York; Beginning on the North side of a Creek that Empties into Lake Champlain, at a point called Hospital Point; and runs thence along the North side of the said Creek as it runs to a Great Meadow, where this Creek and one other Creek Hade; Then South Seventy five Chains to a Tract of Land Surveyed for Captain Valentine Gardner; Then East, One hundred and five Chains to a white pine Tree marked with the Letters DW; Then North, One hundred and Ninety nine Chains; Then West, One hundred and Eighty Chains, to Lake Champlain; and then along the said Lake as it runs to the place where this Tract first began. Containing Three thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance of Highways.

Together with all and singular the Tenements; Hereditaments, Emoluments, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: **And also**, ALL Our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of, in, and to the same, and every Part and Parcel thereof. **And** the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof,

and of every Part and Parcel thereof; **Except**, and always reserved out of Our present Grant unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors for ever, ALL Mines of Gold and Silver; And Also, All White or other Sort of PINE-TREES fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty-four Inches Diameter and upwards, at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us, Our Heirs and Successors. **To have and to hold** the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments, by these Presents Granted, Ratified, and Confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their, and every of their Appurtenances, (except as herein before excepted) unto the said *David Wooster* his Heirs and Assigns, **To** the only proper Use and Behoof of him the said *David Wooster* his Heirs and Assigns for ever; to be holden of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in free and common Socage, as Our Manor of *East Greenwich*, in Our County of *Kent*, within Our Kingdom of *Great Britain*, free, clear, and exempted of and from all Quit-Rent to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, until the full End and Term of Ten Years from the Date of these Presents: And after the Expiration of the said Ten Years, then **Yielding**, Rendering, and Paying therefore yearly, for every Year thereafter, unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, at Our Custom-House, in Our City of *New-York*, unto Our or their Collector, or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, commonly called *Lady Day*, the yearly Rent of *Two Shillings and Six-pence, Sterling*, for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and excepting such Parts allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties, and Demands whatsoever, for the hereby granted Lands and Premises, or any Part thereof. **PROVIDED Always, and upon Condition nonetheless**, That if the said *David Wooster*, his Heirs or Assigns or some or one of them, shall not within Three Years next ensuing the Date hereof, settle as many Families on the Tract of Land hereby granted as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres thereof: **Or** if he the said *David Wooster* his Heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them shall not also within Three Years as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate, at the least Three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation: **Or** if the said *David Wooster* his Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons by his, their, or any other Privy, Consent, or Procurement, shall fell, cut down, or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal License of Us, Our

Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained: **Or** of this Our Present Grant shall not be regiftred, and entered, on Record within Six Months from the Date hereof, in Our Secretary's Office, in Our City of *New-York*, in Our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and a Docquet thereof be also entered in Our Auditor's Office there for Our said Province; that then and in any of these Cases, this Our present Grant, and every Thing therein contained shall cease, be absolutely void and of no Effect; and the Lands and Premises hereby granted, shall revert to, and vest in Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as if this Our present Grant had not been made; any Thing herein before contained to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding. **And We DO** moreover, of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, consent and agree, that This Our present Grant, being regiftred, recorded, and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, whatsoever, against Us, Our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any. Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfections or Omissions of, in, or any wise concerning the above granted Lands and Premises, or any Part thereof. **In Testimony** whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed. **Witness** Our Trusty and Well-beloved
Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America,

(In Pursuance of Our Royal Proclamation of the Seventh Day of **October**, in the Third Year of Our Reign,) at Our Fort, in the City of **New-York**, the Eleventh Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty five, in the fifth year of Our Reign. Clarke

Examined with the Original By
Gw Banyar D. Secry.