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ted to go to New York with his man servant on private business. Mr. Franks requested a certificate for himself and servant to go to Philadelphia.

Thereupon the following certificate and pass was given him.

"This Congress having assurance of the friendly disposition of the bearer hereof, Mr. David S. Franks, to the cause and rights of America, do recommend that he be permitted to pass with his man servant to the City of Philadelphia."

American Archives consisting of a Collection of Authentick Records, State Papers, Debates, Letters and other Notices of Publick Affairs. by Peter Force. Washington, 1846.

Fourth Series. Vol. 6 pp. 1437-8.

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The following item is taken from the manuscript record at Jamaica, L. I.

Liber 1. Town Records of Oyster Bay, p. 287.

"To all Christian People to whom these Presents shall come. Greeting:

Know we Rachel Levy late widow of Samuel Myers Cohen of the city of New York, Marchant late deceased, and Abraham Meyers Cohen and Jacob and Wm. Walton Jr. all of the City of New York aforesaid, General executor to the estate of ye said Samuel Meyers as were nominated and appointed by the said Samuel Meyers Cohen in and by his last will and testament, who are likewise empowered to sell and dispose of all ye land belonging to the said Samuel Meyers Cohen at his decease as it may fully appear by the said will, wherefore an in consideration of ye sum of sixty five pounds of Currant money of New York to us in hand paid before ye ensealing and delivery of these presents by Samuel Macon of Oyster Bay in Queens County on ye Island Nassau &c." sells . . .

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(Here follows description of the property (19 acres)).

The above deed is dated "this 16th day of January in y 19th year of his Majesties Reyne Anno Domini Thousand seven hundred and forty five. LEON HÜHNER.

A JEWISH LOYALIST DURING THE REVOLUTION.

A Jew named Pollock was plundered of 900 johannes by the British after the capture of St. Eustatius. He appears to have petitioned Parliament for redress and his case is thus described by Mr. Burke in a speech before the House of Commons, May 14, 1781.

"He had formerly lived on Rhode Island and because he had imported tea contrary to the command of the Americans, he was stripped of all he was worth and driven out of the island. His brother shared in his misfortunes but did not survive them; his death increased the cares of the survivor as he got an additional family in his brother's children to provide for.

Another Jew married his sister and both of them following the British army had for their loyalty some lands given them along with some other American refugees on Long Island by Sir William Howe.

They built a kind of fort there to defend themselves but it was soon after attacked and carried by the American and not a man defended it escaped either death or captivity. The Jew's brother-in-law fell during the attack. He survived and had then the family of his deceased brother-in-law, his mother & sister to support.

He settled at St. Eustatius where he maintained his numerous family and had made some money when he and his family were once more ruined by the commander of the British force."

See Sabine's History of the Loyalists. Vol. II, p. 196.

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