



The Description of the Province of WEST-JERSEY in AMERICA.

As also, PROPOSALS to such as desire to have any Propriety therein.

THIS Tract of Land, bounded with two Navigable Rivers, viz. On the East side with the Delaware River, on the West side with the Bay and River of Delaware, and is bounded on the North from the Head of the said River of Delaware, with a pretty considerable River or Rivulet, quite clear over the Country unto the said River aforesaid, as the best Geographers we can meet with affirm. So that it is very probable the said Country is almost, if not altogether, as entire blank. The which was by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England, (among other things) granted by the King our late Duke of York in the Year 1664. The Duke in the same Year grants

and N. W. Corner, and the Middle. And for the better to be held in severalty, distinct and the other Larkes Ministry, or Mill part, and which according to the Division made as aforesaid, the name of the Province of *West Jersey*, and is in the possession of the said Sir George Carteret, to be held in severalty distinct and apart from the said Province of *East Jersey*.

The Division, or Partition of the said Province of *West Jersey* is as followeth, viz. From Place, called *Little Egg Harbor*, lying on the South Sea, by a straight line leading thence through the middle of the Province to the Head, or most Northern Branch of South or Delaware, the uppermost Extremity of the said Province Northward) and is bounded Southward, from the Head of the said River, downward, and with the same, unto the mouth of the said *Delaware Bay*; And from thence extending Eastward all along the Sea Coast to the East point of *Little Egg Harbor* aforesaid, as is more fully detailed by this Mapp, and Description with Sir George Carteret.

For the Temperature of the Air, Fertility of the Soil, and Delightful Situation of the said Province has been made had already by several Writers and Travellers; (confirmed by many Men of Quality, who have been lately therein, and travelled through a great part of the Country.)

In the next place, it is plentifully supplied with lovely Springs, in land Rivers, and Rivulets, in which are great store, and various sorts of very good Fish, and Water-fowl, much bigger, fatter, and better food, than the same kind are generally to be found.

The Trees of the Country, for the most part, are Large Oak, Chestnut, Walnut, Mulberry, Ash, Elm, Fir, &c. with multitudes of small fruitful about them, and upon the Mall, and Fruit whetseed, the Dove, Sower, Wild Turkey, &c. and other Land-fowl do feed, which make the *Lincoln Park, Turkey, and Food* extraordinary Large and Good: all of which this Province affords in great Plenty, and also very much bigger than the same kind in England. The Timber and Wood is the greatest Incumbance of the Country, which may be reckoned to be destroyed in time, with vast Advantage; there being much *Iron Sower*, as also, good Conventances to make *Saw, &c.* However, at present there are great quantities of open Ground by Nature, as well fit for Arable, as Meadow, and Pasture for *Sheep, Cows, Horses and Hogs*; which are likewise affirmed to be a large and good English. In short, there wanting wanting that can reasonably be desired (by several Indian) for the Delight and Subsistence of Man. But that which makes it complete, and the most good *Harbors* for Shipping, both on the Sea-Coast, and upon the said South, or Delaware River. The which extends by the West side of the Province, as aforesaid, to the Mouth of Bay of Delaware, and the Cape-Neck, and about ten hundred miles. In which are great numbers of Bayes,

who now live, or hereafter may have a mind to inhabit a settlement. Therefore, it is desired, that in the said Province of *West Jersey*, which is to be divided into One hundred Shares or Proprieties, which shall be, to most Civility and Inequality, the same to be disposed to, by the said Propriety, in the said Province, being to be sold.

In the Purchase whereof, Two, Four, Eight, or more may give, their being Land, and their whole Share, or Propriety, to have many Families.

As for the Price, they will be very reasonable, therefore all Persons who have any Inclination about Purchasing any Share or Shares of the Province, or to improve their Money in the said Province, come Themselves, or send their Agents, to *Thomas Easton Esq.* or *George Carteret Esq.* who they may as well respect, and permit the Government, by which the said Province is sold, to hold the Commission of the Country for the said Province, and to receive the said Money, or to treat with any Person or Persons on the Terms of such Purchase. And all the said Money, that is now sold, *New Jersey, Maryland*, and other Neighbouring Places, ships, or all the goods and wares sold.

There are *Companions* given over already, for the said every Man who hath bought any Share, when he comes there, and every Individual Propriety, in this Liberty of *London*, both in *Man* &

"A Mapp of New Jersey in America" by John Seller and William Fisher (London, 1677; engraved, colored, 42.5-by-92.2 cm, in 3 sections). The map was a device used to attract potential settlers and investors in the "New-Caesarea or New-Jersey" colony. Notice the

illustrations of Native American life in the 1600s. Also, note the original orientation of the map, with north pointing to the right—the way a ship would encounter land after sailing across the Atlantic.