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heads of James River within 50 or 60 miles of the English Plantations, and knew not where the Storme would light, they begin to beat up drums for Volunteers to goe out against the Indians and soe continued Sundry dayes drawing into armes, the Magistrates being either soe remise or of the Same faction, that they suffered this disaster w<sup>th</sup>out contradiction or endeavouring to prevent soe dangerous a begining & going on.

The Rout being got together now wanted nor waited for nothing but one to head and lead them out on their design. It soe happen'd that one Nathaniel Bacon Jun', a person whose lost and desperate fortunes had thrown him into that remote part of the world about 14 months before, and fram'd him fitt for such a purpose, as by the Sequel will appeare, which may make a short character of him no impertinent Digression.

Hee was a person whose erratique fortune had carryed and shewne him many Forraigne Parts, and of no obscure Family. Upon his first comming into Virginia hee was made one of the Councill, the reason of that advancement (all on a suddain) being best known to the Governour, which honor made him the more considerable in the eye of the Vulgar, and gave some advantage to his pernicious designes. Hee was said to be about four or five and thirty yeares of age, indifferent tall but slender, blackhair'd and of an ominous, pensive, melancholly Aspect, of a pestilent & prevalent Logical discourse tending to atheisme in most companyes, not given to much talke, or to make suddain replyes, of a most imperious and dangerous hidden Pride of heart, despising the wisest of his neighbours for their Ignorance, and very ambitious and arrogant. But all these things lay hidd in him till after hee was a councillor, and untill he became powerfull & popular.

Now this man being in Company with one Crews,\* Isham † & Bird, ‡ who growing to a highth of Drinking and making the Sad-

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\* Captain James Crews, of Turkey Island, Henrico county, was a near neighbor of Nathaniel Bacon, and was one of his most active adherents during the rebellion. His will, dated July 23, 1676, was proved in Henrico December 10, 1677. He bequeaths to Mary, ~~wife~~ <sup>daughter</sup> of Giles Carter, 4,000 lbs. of tobacco and certain household goods; to Susan, daughter of Giles Carter, 1,000 lbs tobacco; gives his man his freedom; gives Hannah, wife of Giles Carter, his negro maid, Kate; to Daniel Prince

ness of the times their discourse, and the fear they all lived in,

his best suit and coat; to Giles Carter all that he (Carter) owed him, and gives him for life the plantation he has "let" him; all the remainder of his estate to his cousin, Matthew Crews, and makes him executor. On January 24, 1676, James Crews was tried as a rebel by a court-martial at Green Spring, and was sentenced to death. April 1, 1681, there is an entry in the records of Henrico, stating that as Captain James Crews had died unmarried, administration on his estate is granted to Mr. William Sherwood, attorney for Rowland Place, Esq., who was attorney for Matthew Crews, gent., son of Francis Crews, deceased, brother of Captain James Crews, and to Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Grendon, attorney for Sarah Whittingham, sole daughter of Edward Crews, brother to Captain James Crews. These heirs lived in England.

† Henry Isham, Sr., came to Virginia about 1656, when he had a grant of land. It appears from the will of Sir Edward Brett, of Blendenhall, Kent, England, which was dated December 22, 1682, and proved March 17, 1683 (printed in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for July, 1890), that the latter (who was knighted by the King August 31, 1644, after distinguishing himself in a charge on the Parliamentary forces at Lostwithiel, Cornwall) was the uncle of Henry Isham, of Virginia. In his will Sir Edward makes bequests to the children of his niece, Ann, daughter of his sister, Mary Isham, and £200 apiece to the two daughters of his nephew, Henry Isham, late of Virginia, deceased, by Katherine, his wife. It appears from *Blayde's Genealogia Bedfordiensis* that Mary, sister, of Sir Edward Brett, married William Isham. Henry Isham, the elder, of Virginia, married Katherine, widow of Joseph Royall, of Henrico county, and died about 1675. There is on record in Henrico, dated September 11, 1677, a receipt from the executors of Captain Henry Isham, deceased. Also a deed, dated September 20, 1678, from Samuel Turke, of Gandchurch, Kent, England, administrator of Henry Richards, of London, merchant, &c., to Henry Isham, of London, merchant, conveying, for a consideration of £140, all goods and money and tobacco bills in Virginia, due said Richards, &c., which were left by Samuel Swane, of London, merchant, deceased, in the custody of Henry Isham, the elder, merchant, late of Virginia, deceased, father of the aforesaid Henry Isham. And another deed, dated September 23, 1678, to Henry Isham of London, merchant, only son and executor of Henry Isham, late of Virginia, gentleman. The will of Henry Isham (Jr.) is on record in Henrico, dated November 13, 1678, and proved February 1, 1678-9. He gives his half brother, Joseph Royall, £40 worth of goods; to "my honored mother Mrs. Katherine Isham" one-third of his personal property "both of which is in Virginia and England;" to his sister, "Mrs. Ann Isham," one-third of his personal property; to his sisters, Mrs. Mary Randolph and Mrs. Ann Isham,