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Mrs. Ann Cotton, of Queen's Creek, the witty historian of Bacon's Rebellion, referring to the commonwealth in England, says that "Virginia was the only city of refuge left in his Majesties dominions in those times for distressed cavaliers to seeke their fortunes." Among the most prominent of the cavaliers who emigrated to Virginia, was:

1. SIR THOMAS LUNSFORD, who in October, 1650, received a grant of 4,332 acres of land on the south side of Rappahannock River. Under this patent the names of sixty-five persons are given as imported by Lunsford, among whom those favored with titles of respect are the Lady Lunsford, Mrs. Mary Lunsford Mrs. Philippa Lunsford, William Lunsford, Esqr., Mr. Foster, Mr. Henry Benskin, Mr. Bird, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Warren, Mr. Cartwright, Mr Daniel Philips, Mr. William Caldwell, Mrs. Peirce, Mrs. Ann Bradley, Mr. Thomas Marshall.

2. MAJOR-GENERAL MAINWARING HAMMOND, came in 1649. (*Va. Hist. Reg.* Vol. II.) His brother Francis also came to Virginia, patenting lands in New Kent.

3. COL. PHILIP HONEYWOOD, came in 1649. (*Va. Hist. Register*, Vol. II.)

4. COL. HENRY NORWOOD, came in 1649. (*Ibid.*)

5. MAJOR PHILIP STEVENS, died in York county. (*Ibid.* and *York County Records.*)

6. MAJOR JOHN BRODNAX, died in York county, Va. (*York Records.*)

7. THOMAS WILSFORD, hung for taking part with Bacon in 1676. Son of Sir Thomas Wilsford. (See *Ingram's Proceedings, Force's Tracts.*)

8. COL. GUY MOLESWORTH, who had received twenty-five wounds battling for the king. (*Sainsbury MSS.*)

9. COL. FRANCIS MORYSON (son of Sir Henry Moryson), who was

(son of Robert Booth, clerk of York county), by whom she had a daughter who married Robert Armistead. Issue of Mungo Ingles and Anne Bray, five children, of whom four were, Mary, died March 22, 1709-'10; Anne, died Nov. 12, 1710; David, died 1714, and James, who married Anne Marot and had a single daughter, Judith Bray, who married William Armistead, and had Henry Armistead, of Charles City. [Authorities: York County Records; Bruton Register; Perry's *Historical Collections*; Original Manuscripts, and QUARTERLY, IV., p. 117.]

in the king's army, afterwards governor of Virginia. (*Sainsbury MSS.*)

10. JOHN WOODWARD, son of Thomas, assay master of the Mint, "who would not take an oath to the usurper, but went to Virginia." In 1665 John was dead and Thomas, if alive, was at some plantation on York River. (*Sainsbury MSS.*)

11. ROBERT JONES, a supporter of Bacon, but a soldier against the Parliament, who had received many wounds. (*Sainsbury MSS.*)

12. NICHOLAS DUNN, chief clerk of the kitchen, forced to go to Virginia, and died there. Petition of his wife Ann to the king. (*Sainsbury MSS.*)

13. ANTHONY LANGSTON, formerly ensign in Prince Maurice's regiment and afterward fourteen years in Virginia. (*Sainsbury MSS.*)

14. MR. HENRY BISHOP, "who formerly served the king in those unhappy wars in England." (*Sainsbury MSS.*)

15. ALEXANDER CULPEPER, whose father "lost all his estate, life and liberty for the king." Brother of Lady Berkeley. (*Sainsbury MSS.*)

16. PETER JENINGS, "who faithfully served his majesty's father." (*Sainsbury MSS.*) He became attorney-general of Virginia.

17. JOHN AND LAWRENCE WASHINGTON, sons of Rev. Lawrence Washington, a loyal minister.

18. SIR DUDLEY WIAT, who died at James City in 1650. (*York County Records.*)

19. MAJOR RICHARD FOX, who came with Henry Norwood in 1649.

20. DR. JEREMIAH HARRISON, whose wife was Frances, daughter of Thomas Whitgreave, of County Stafford, Eng., who saved the life of Charles II., at the battle of Worcester. Dr. Harrison patented lands in York county.

21. SIR GRAY SKIPWICH, son of Sir Henry Skipwich, of Prestwold, in Leicestershire, created baronet by James the First. (See Slaughter's *Bristol Parish*, p. 226.) He has numerous descendants in Virginia.

22. SIR HENRY CHICHELEY, governor, etc., brother of Sir Thomas, of the Privy Council.

23. COL. JOSEPH BRIDGER, whose tombstone in Isle of Wight county states that he received a special summons to wait upon the king.