

CHAPTER X.

SLAVERY ON LONG ISLAND.

THERE is no doubt that the "institution," as they used to call it in the old ante-bellum days of negro slavery, was introduced into the New Netherland by the Dutch. Among the "freedoms and exemptions" granted by the West India Company in 1629 to whoever planted colonies in New Netherland was a clause stipulating that "the company will use their endeavors to supply the colonists with as many blacks as they conveniently can." Negro slaves were employed on the construction of Fort Amsterdam by Wouter Van Twiller, and in an appraisal of the company's property in 1639 the value of a negro slave was placed at 40 guilders, or about \$16 in modern currency. In 1650 it was decreed "that the inhabitants of New Netherland shall be at liberty to purchase negroes wheresoever they may think necessary, except on the coast of Guinea, and bring them to work on their bouweries," paying a small duty on each importation. In 1651 the average value of a negro slave was about \$100, and that price was paid at public auction in New Amsterdam. The Rev. Mr. Pothemus paid \$176 for a negro slave at an auction in 1664.

So far as can be seen the slaves held by the Dutch were humanely treated, although now and again we come across evidences of the existence of cruelty. Even as early as 1644 we read of laws being passed for the emancipation of negroes who by long service and good behavior had earned some mitigation of their terrible lot.

Under the English domination slavery not only flourished, but the laws against the negroes were made more stringent than ever. In 1683 it was enacted that "No servant or slave, either Male or Female shall either give, sell or trust any Commodity whatsoever during the time of their Service under the penalty of such Corporal Punishment as shall be ordered to be inflicted by warrant under the Hands of two Justices of the Peace, of the County where the said Servant or Slave doth reside. And if any Person whatsoever shall buy of, receive from or trust with any Servant or Slave contrary to this Law, they shall be compelled by Warrant, as aforesaid, to restore the said commodity so bought, received or trusted for to the Master of such Servant or Slave and forfeit for every such offence the sum of £5. And if any Person whatsoever shall credit or trust any Servant or Slave for Clothes, Drink or any other Commodity whatsoever the said Person shall lose his Debt & be forever debarred from maintaining any writ at Law against the said Servant or Slave for any matter or thing so trusted as aforesaid. If any Servant or Slave shall run away from their Master or Dame, every Justice of Peace in this Province is hereby authorized & impowered to grant Hue & Cry after the said Servant or Slave, the Master or Dame having first given in Security for the payment of the Charges that shall thereby attend. And all Constables & inferior Officers are hereby strictly required & commanded authorized and empowered to press Men, Horses, Boats or

Pinnaces to pursue such persons by Sea or Land, and to make diligent Hue and Cry as by the Law required."

In 1730 another law concerning slavery was passed, which made the lot of the blacks peculiarly hard, their punishment for trivial offenses exceptionally severe, and even put obstacles in the way of their emancipation by kind-hearted owners. This law was one of the results of the so-called plot of 1712,—it is not certain that any plot really existed,—which developed a race riot wherein several whites were killed and the subsequent trial and execution of nineteen unfortunate negroes.

But that plot was as nothing compared to that of 1741, which has been classed as among the most noted of the popular delusions of America. On the 14th of March in that year some goods were stolen from the house of a merchant. Mary Burton, a girl of loose character, or rather of no character at all, an indentured servant of John Hughson, keeper of a tavern of poor repute on the East River opposite Brooklyn, told some one confidentially that the stolen goods were hidden in her employer's house. The news was soon carried to the authorities, and Mary was at once arrested and offered her complete liberty if she would confess all. She certainly confessed, and the prospect of liberty inspired her poor imagination to great efforts. Some at least of the stolen property was recovered, and Hughson and several others, black and white, were fully charged with the robbery. So far Mary's confessions did good service to the community. On March 18th, however, the Governor's house was found to be on fire, and then followed a series of conflagrations, each petty in itself, but with such steady recurrence that the fears of a negro plot, slumbering since 1712, became again aroused, and as usual vague and wild rumors soon fanned fear into desperation, and once this gained possession of the people all sense of justice was thrown to the winds. So it always has been,

negroes which at once set in, and her outrageous stories were blindly accepted as evidence. The wild confessions of some of the white refuse of New York, and of negroes crazed by fear, added strength to her stories, and with the aid of the law a blind and cruel race war set in the details of which form one of the most revolting passages in the history of New York. Fortunately the story belongs to the annals of that borough and need not be gone into here. Suffice it to say that while the delusion lasted, from May to the end of August, 154 negroes were sent to prison, and of these 14 were burned, 18 hanged and 71 transported. In the same period 24 white people were arrested, four of whom were executed. For all this Mary received her freedom and £100 and was sent adrift on the world, so disappearing from our ken; and the good citizens, when they considered the work done, set apart the 24th of September as a day of thanksgiving for their escape from destruction. The result of all this was that the laws anent slavery were more rigorously enforced than ever and severe measures were adopted restraining still further the personal liberty of those unfortunate victims of colored skin and ignorant credulity.

Writing on the subject of "Slavery in New York," in the American Magazine of History, Mr. F. G. Martin said:

As colonists the English did not to any great extent follow in the lead of Sir John Hawkins, the great negro importer of the sixteenth century. Still we find many allusions to the traffic in the manuscript records of the Province of New York. Complaint was made by the Royal African Company, in 1687, that their charter had been infringed upon by the importing of negroes and elephants' teeth from Africa. It was announced, in 1720, that Captain Van Burgh had arrived from Barbadoes with four negroes; but that "Simon the Jew don't expect his ship from Guinea before late in the fall." "Negroes are scarce," says another informant, "but Captain Hopkins will

2,395, of which 1,573 were from the West Indies and 822 from the coast of Africa. In 1712 the list for Kings county showed 1,699 "Christians" and 298 slaves; Orange county, 439 whites and 41 slaves; Albany, 2,879 whites and 450 slaves; New York, 4,846 whites and 970 slaves. In 1723 there were 6,171 slaves in the Province in a total population of 40,564; in 1746, slaves 9,717, total 61,589; in 1774, slaves 21,149, total 182,247. Virginia, at this time, had about 250,000 slaves, or forty per cent. of the whole number in the colonies.

During the Revolutionary conflict slavery as an institution gave rise to considerable trouble on both sides. Both recognized the "institution," but the negroes seemed to see in the condition of affairs a chance for a change of masters, if not for entire freedom. As a result the newspapers of the time present us with many advertisements concerning runaway negroes both from the service of British officers and from civilians, and a number of these will be found in Onderdonk's "Revolutionary Incidents." Almost as soon as independence was accomplished a movement for abolition set in, and it was with reluctance that New York agreed to the continuance of the slave traffic until 1808. In 1794 the abolition societies of many of the States sent delegates to a convention in Philadelphia, and one of its results was the passage of an act in 1799 by the New York Legislature for the gradual abolition of the "black curse." It provided that any child born in the State after July 4 of that year should be free; but, if a boy, should remain in the service of his mother's owner until he was twenty-eight years old; if a girl, she was to remain in servitude until she was twenty-five. If the mother's owner did not care for this arrangement the child could be handed over to the Overseer of the Poor and treated by them in the same way as pauper children. It was also declared "lawful for the owner of any slaves immediately after the passing of this act to manumit such slave by a certificate to that purpose under his hand and seal." This was the beginning of the end, and by slow stages and uncer-

actments the institution was steadily legislated against in New York until in 1827 it had no legal standing in the Empire State at all, and within her boundaries negro slavery was wiped out.

So far as Long Island is concerned, it is impossible to discover accurately the extent to which, in its beginning, the institution prevailed. On broad lines it may be asserted that each owner of the soil, as soon as he was wealthy enough, in early times bought at least one slave to aid in its cultivation, and that as wealth increased it became quite fashionable to have one or more negroes as domestic servants as well as farm hands. But we read at no time of entire dependence being placed, either for domestic or farm services, on slave labor; nor do we meet with the slightest signs of the existence of any of the great aggregations of slaves on the lands of individual landowners which marked the institution further to the south. An idea of this is given in the following list of slaves in Long Island, from a census of the State, which was taken in 1775:

BUSHWICK.

A list taken by Captain Francis Titus, of Bushwyck in Kings County, of the Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of his District, viz.:

Owners' Names.	Males.	Females.
John Misroll	1	1
John Liequare	—	1
George Durje	1	1
Abraham Liequare	1	—
Folkert Folkertsen	2	2
William Bramebosch	2	1
John Rseveidt	1	—
Jacob Misroll	—	1
Nicholas Lefferts	1	—
Catherine Lefferts	—	—
Abraham Miller	—	1
Marritje Woertman	—	1
David Van Cots	1	—
Theodorus Polhemus	1	1
Daniel Burdett	2	2
Jacob Durje	1	1
Peter Lot	—	1
Abraham Schenck	4	1
Evert Van Ge'der	—	1
Neclos Folkertsen	1	1
Andris Stucholm	—	1
Peter Conselye	—	1
Capt. Francis Titus	1	2
	21	22

BROOKLYN.

A list taken from the Negro's belonging to the Inhabitation, under the Command of Saml Hopson Captn of the West Company of Brookland in Kings County:

Negroes' Names.	To Whom Belonging
One Negro Man cald Francis ...	Isaac Sebring
Do Sambo....	
One Do Wench Judy.....	John Bargay
One Negro Man Cald Roger	
Do Harry	
Do Peter	
Do Josey	
Do Esquire ..	Derk Bargay
One Negro Wench cald Mary ...	
Do pegg.....	Simon Booram
One Negro Man cald Will.....	
Do Cezer.....	Cornel Sebring
One Negro Man cald prince.....	
One Negro Man cald Ceser	Saml Hopson
One Negro Man cald Dick.....	
Do Prince.....	Peter Van Pelt
One Do Wench Dine.....	
One Negro Man cald Robin.....	Micael Bargan
One Negro Man cald Tight	
One Do Wench Dine.....	Chrispr Seehar
One Negro Man cald Thom.....	
Do Jack.....	John Carpenter
Do Wench Bett	
One Negro Man cald Toney.....	Whitead Cornwell
Do Wench cald Flora...	
One Negro Man cald Ceaser	John Middagh .
Do Wench Jane.....	
One Negro Man cald James.....	John Vandike
Do Wench Bett	
One Negro Man cald Sam.....	Clos Vanvaughty
Do Thom.....	
Do Wench Jane.....	John Griggs
One Negro Man cald Clos.....	
One Negro Man cald Chalsey...	Israel Hosfield Junr
One Negro Man cald Thom.....	
Do Wench Jane.....	Peter Stots
One Negro Man cald Harry.....	
Do Wench Libe.....	Sam: De Bevoice
One Negro Man cald Frank.....	
Do Thom.....	Mr Van Donne
Do Wench Anne	
One Negro Man cald Harry.....	Jacob Sebring
Do Wench Phillis	
One Negro Man cald Coffe.....	Abrm Brewer
Do Wench Judy.....	
One Negro Man cald Tight	Israel Hosfield
One Negro Man cald Willing...	
One Negro Man cald France....	Jacob De Bevoice
Do Wench Elizabeth ...	
One Negro Man cald Sam	Jacob Bennett
Do Wench Dine.....	
Do Deyon	Jery Braer
One Negro Man cald Prime.....	
One Negro Man cald Ceaser.....	George De Bevoice
Do Wench Il	

Negroes Names.	To Whom Belonging.
One Negro Man cald Jo	Mrs Vandike
Do Wench Jane	
One Negro Wench cald Jane....	Earsh Middagh
One Negro Man cald Harry.....	
Do Nease.....	Jacob Bruington
Do Dick.....	
Do Charles...	
Do Wench Peg	
	43 Negro Men
	24 Do Women
	Total, 66

The above is a just account of Negroes to the Best of my knowledge belonging to the Inhabitants of the West Company of Brookland
SAML HOPSON.

The list of the Negroes both male and female Who Reside In the District of Capt. John Lott In Kings County in brucklen To Every Person belonging by name as foloing:

Christopher Codwise.....	2 male....	2 female
John Cowenhoven.....	4 male....	1 female
Martin Reyerse.....	1 male....	.
Jeremias Remse.....	2 male....	2 female
Lammert Sudam.....	1 male....	1 female
John Lott		2 female
Jacobus Degraew.....	1 male....	1 female
Barent Jansen.....	1 male....	1 female
Jan Ryerse.....	1 male....	.
Rem Remsen.....	1 male....	.
Hendrik Sudam.....		1 female
Abram Remsen.....	1 male....	.
Tuenes Bogaert.....	1 male....	.
DW Sara Rapelie.....	1 male....	.
Benjamin Waldron.....	1 male....	.
Joost Debavois.....	1 male....	1 female
Jakes Durje	2 male....	2 female
Jan Noorstrant.....	1 male....	.
Gerritt Noorstrant	1 male....	1 female
Jeronemus Rapelie	2 male....	1 female
Jacobus Lefferse	1 male....	2 female
Jacob bergen	1 male....	1 female
Pieter V D Voort.....		1 female
Karel Debavois.....	1 male....	2 female
Johanis Debavois		1 female
Jacobus Debavois	1 male....	1 female
Cornelis V D hoef.....	2 male....	.
Arsus Remsen.....	1 male....	2 female
Adriaen Hegeman.....	1 male....	.
DW Dina Rapalje	1 male....	1 female
John Rapalje	3 male....	2 female

A true Leist of the negroes male and female by me
1755 April 11.
Capt JOHN LOTT.

FLATBUSH.

A true List of all the Slaves Both male and female of fourteen years old and above in the township of flatbush in Kings County on Nassaw Island in the Province of New Yorke

Owners Names	Males	their names	females	their names
Dominie Van Sindere	—		1	Isabel
Peter Stryker	1	Jack	1	Syne
John Stryker	2	Minck & tom	1	Dyne
Johannes V: Sickelen	1	Sambo	—	
John Waldron	—		1	Lies
Doctor V: beuren	—		1	Roos
Barent V: Defenter	3	Jack: hence & Ben	1	Saar
Barent Andriese	—		1	Graes
Widdow Clarkson	3	Jafta Jacob & herry	2	Bass and Saar
hendrick Suydam	—		1	Isabel
David Sprong	—		1	Mary
henry Cruger	3	Isack: John & hammell	1	Calleen
Engelbart Lott	2	Jan and Batt	2	Syne & Bett
Jacobus Lott	2	Sam & Jafta	1	Wyne
Cornelis Van D: Veer	1	Roos	2	fillis & Saar
Johannes Ditmarss	2	frank and frans	1	Syne
Laurens Ditmars	1	Claes	3	Eva: Bett & Wyntje
Adriaen Voorhees	—		1	Dyane
Rem Martense	2	Sam & herry	2	Emme & Susan
Phillip Nagel	1	Doll	—	
Phillip Nagel Junr	1	Libb	1	Bett
Seytje V: D Bilt	1	Sam	1	Bett
Leffert Martense	1	Sam	1	Pagg
Rem Hegeman	2	Dick & herry	1	Syne
Evert hegeman	1	Sesor	—	
Peter Lefferts	1	Ben	2	Dyne & Isabel
John Lefferts	—	herry	—	
Jeremyes V: D: bilt	1	Minck	1	Kea
Adrian Martense	2	Nienus & Lans	1	Isabel
Antje Ver Kerck	3	Adam: Jack & Jafta	4	Jane: Kouba: Mare & Diane
Cornelis V: Duyn	—		1	Bett
John V: Der Veer	1	herry	1	Isabel
Gerret Cozyn	1	herry	—	
Jeromus V: D: Veer	—		1	Jude
Steven Williamse	1		1	Sale
Johannes Lott Junr	1	Andrew	1	Bett
Isaac Snediker	—		1	Mary
Jacob Snediker	1	toon	—	
Gerret boerem	1	Commenie	1	Lybe
Cornelis Wykhoff	1	Sesor	1	Dyane
Abraham Bloom	1	Claes	1	Bett
Jan boerem	1	Will	—	
Karel boerem	—		1	Susan
Mauprils Lott	1	Minck	1	Bett
Douwe Ditmarss	1	Primus	1	Dyne
Johannes Elderts	—		1	filles
thomas Batts	1	Yorke	2	Moryn & Lill
hendrick Lott	1	tom	1	Eva
Joseph houward	—		1	Isabel
harpje Lefferts	1	Prins	1	Rachel
Rem V: D: bilt	1	Julus	1	Jane
	53		55	

the total number 108

PETER STRYKER Capt of flatbush.

FLATLANDS.

A true list of all the Slaves both male and female from fourteen Years and upwards according to an act of assembly:

	Male.	Female.
John Schenck Captain of the said town	1	1
John V. Der Bilt	1	1
Wilhelmus Stoothof Jur	1	1
harmanis hooglant	1	0
Roelif Van Voorhees Esqr	0	1
Wilhelmus Stoothof	0	1
Abraham Voorhees	1	1
Cornelius Voorhees	1	1

	Male.	Female.
Steve Schenck	1	0
John Ditmars	0	1
Willem Kouwenhoven Esqr	1	1
Gerrit Kouwenhoven	0	1
John Amerman	2	1
Gerrit Wykof	1	1
Marten M. Schenck	0	1
Johannis Lott	2	2
Derrick Remsen	1	0
Johannis W. Wykof	2	1
Pieter Wykof	1	1
Joost Vannuis	0	1

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JAN SCHENCK, Capt.

GRAVESEND.

A List of the Negroes In the township of Gravesend Male and Female from the age of fourteen years and upward May 1, 1755:

	Males.	Females.
Richard Stillwell.....	2	2
John Grigg.....	2	1
John Voahears.....	2	1
Nicholas Stillwell.....	1	2
Roeliff terhunen.....	1	1
Isaac Denyce.....	1	2
Samuel Garritson.....	1	0
Neelye Voorhears.....	1	0
Farnandus Van Sicklen.....	1	1
Nicholas Williamsen.....	1	1
James Hubbard.....	0	1
Daniel Lake.....	2	1
Cornelious Stryker.....	0	1
Fernandus van Sicklen.....	1	0
William Johnson.....	0	1
Peter Williamson.....	0	1
Bengaman Steimets.....	0	1
Cort Johnson.....	1	0
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The totle Number of Males Seuteent
The totle Number of Females Seuteent

NEW UTRECHT.

A true list of all the Slaves of the Township of Newuytrecht in Kings County:

Names of Masters.	The No. of each Man.	Male Sex.	Female Sex.
Petrus Van Pelt.....	3	2	1
Jacobus Van Nuys.....	2	1	1
Hendrick Johnsen.....	1	1	0
Heart Van foerhees.....	3	2	1
Jaques Cortelyou.....	2	1	1
Jaques Cortelyou Junior.....	2	1	1
Pieter Cortelyou.....	4	2	2
Deneys Deneys.....	8	4	4
Saartje Barkeloo.....	2	1	1
Thomas Van Dyck.....	1	0	1
John Laan.....	1	1	0
Casper Crapster.....	2	1	1
Gerrit Kounover.....	2	1	1
Gerrit Van Duyn.....	2	1	1
Willem Van Nuys.....	3	2	1
Willem Van Nuys Junr.....	1	0	1
Rutgert Van Brunt Junior.....	10	6	4
Evert Snyder.....	1	0	1
John Johnson.....	1	1	0
Rutgert Van Brunt.....	3	1	2
Andries Eman.....	2	1	1
Wilhelmis Van Brunt.....	1	1	0
Thomas Pollock.....	3	2	1
Roelof Van Brunt.....	1	1	0
Joris Lot.....	4	2	2
Neelye Pietersen.....	1	1	0
Rebecca Eman.....	1	0	2
.....	67	37	30

the whole
number

PETRUS VAN PELT Captn.

HEMPSTEAD.

Hempsted in Queens County on Nissaw Island and in the province of New Yorck; accmpt of the slaves brought in to George Everit Capt. within his Districts.

April ye 28—anno. 1755.

Georg Rierson.....	3 mals Seasor adom. Jack.....	1 female, Diannah
Cornelius Rierson.....	.....	1 female—bet
Benjamin Dvsenbere.....	1 male—mike.....	2 famals, bess, pen
William Cornell.....	3 mals been, Charls, Sam.....	1 female—nan
Hendrick Hendricksen.....	1 male savl.....	1 female—Gin
Thomas hendricksen.....	.....	1 female—Jvde
John foster.....	.....	1 female—Gin
John Montonye.....	1 male Jack.....	.....
Jacob Vollintine.....	.....	1 female Greech
Beniaman Downing.....	.....	1 female Elly
William Lines.....	3 mals Dick, prince Eliiah.....	1 female peg
Thomas Seamons.....	1 male—Jack.....	.....
Jonathan Vollintine.....	.....	1 female Sarah
Sanvel Searing.....	1 male franck.....	1 female Cate
Daniel Searing.....	1 male tie.....	.....
Jacob Searing.....	2 males—Stephen—Lew.....	.....
Jeams Smith.....	1 male Yorck.....	.....
Timothy Smith.....	1 male Robbin.....	1 female—nan
Ellixander Davorson.....	2 mals—tom—robbin.....	.....
John Cornell.....	1 male Lew.....	2 famals, hannah, Diannah
David Allgoe.....	3 mals, David, pero Jack.....	2 famals Janna nanot
Sarah Seamons.....	2 mals Jack—peter.....	2 famals—Dinah post
Robbard Marvil.....	3 mals Ciah lonnon, bithro.....	1 female Dosh

John Townsend.....	2 mals Jack ned.....	1 female Gin
Richard townsand.....	1 male Lew.....	
phebe mot.....	1 male Ciah.....	1 female pendor
John Petors.....	1 male York.....	
Epenetos plat.....	1 male Lve.....	
Ambros fish.....	2 mals Jack—bendo.....	1 female—ame
Samvel willis.....	2 male tie.....	1 female—hagor
Richard Williams.....	1 male sam.....	1 female
John Williams.....	1 male savl.....	
William Titvs.....	1 male Jeams.....	1 female—francis
mary titvs.....	1 male Cato.....	1 female Nancy
Stephen titvs.....	1 male—ben.....	1 female Gin
Josiah Martin.....	3 mals—papav Jack sackoe above 60 years old	3 famals present, Jemina and nab
George hvlit.....	1 male Jacob.....	1 female Jvdc
John Smith.....	2 mals Dick—Stephen.....	1 female—hannah
John Searing.....	—.....	1 female Chat
Samvel Rowland.....	1 male harre.....	
John hicks.....	1 male Charls.....	1 female—Gin
Jacob Smith.....	2 males—will—tom.....	2 famals, biblor—bet
Isaac Smith.....	1 male seator.....	1 female—peg
Ephraim Vollingtine.....	1 male petor.....	
Elisabath titvs.....	1 male Gem.....	1 female—Sarah
Charls petors.....	2 mals petor—tie.....	1 female—rose

A List of the Negro Indian and Mullatta Slaves within the District whereof Benjamin Smith is Captain at Hempstead in Queens County taken the first Day of April 1755:

	Male.	Female.
Jacob Hicks Esqr.....	1	2
Jacob Hicks Junr.....	1	1
Thomas Hicks.....	—	1
Phebe Hicks.....	—	1
James Mott.....	—	1
Daniel Hewlet Junr.....	1	1
John Cornell.....	2	2
Joseph Scidmore.....	—	1
Thos Cornell Esqr.....	1	2
Capt Brown.....	6	1
Richard Cornell.....	1	1
Benja Lewes.....	—	1
Henry Mott.....	1	—
Vall : Hewlet peters.....	1	1
Elias Durlum.....	1	1
Ekdard Lucas.....	1	1
Jacobus Lawrence.....	—	1
Elias Durlum ye 3d.....	—	1
Abraham Bond.....	—	1
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P : BENJAMIN SMITH Capt

A List of the Slaves Male and Female above 14 years of Age An Account of which has been brot in to Capt. John Birdsall, for his District in the Township of Hempstead in Queens County, according to the late Act of Assembly:

Owners Names.	Males.	Females.
The Revd Mr Seabury.....	1	1

Owners Names.	Males.	Females.
Benjn Hewlett.....	1	1
Josh : Birdsall.....	1	1
Soln Seaman.....	2	1
James Pine.....	1	1
Benjn Smith.....	3	1
Leffurt Haugewout.....	1	0
Wid : Lininton.....	1	0
Elias Durland Junr.....	1	0
Richard Jackson.....	3	2
Joseph Petit Junr.....	1	1
Thos Tredwell.....	2	1
Jno Carman.....	1	1
Seml Jackson.....	3	2
John Rowland.....	1	0
Thos Seaman.....	0	1
Thos Seaman Junr.....	0	1
James Smith.....	1	1
Jacob Seaman Esqr.....	2	2
Cornell Smith.....	1	0
Patrick Mott.....	1	0
Danl Hewlett.....	0	1
Thos Carman.....	2	1
Jno Jackson.....	1	1
James Seaman.....	1	1
Jno Hall.....	1	0
James Smith Junr.....	1	1
Danl Smith.....	1	0
Daniel Smith.....	1	0
John Grissman.....	1	0
Anthony Semans.....	1	0
Daniel Pine.....	1	0
Benj : Carmon.....	0	1
Richard Suthard.....	1	1
Males.....	43	
Females.....	26	
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May it please yr Honor

This is a true account of what has been brot in

to me

Sr yr most humble & obedient Servt

NEWTOWN.

Newtown, May 1st, 1755.

A List of Negroes Male and Female According to the Act of Assembly of the Province of New York taken by me

JEROMES RAPELYE.

	Males.	Females.
Jeromes Rapelye	0	1
Cornelius Rapelye Esqr	1	1
Jacobus Lent	1	1
John Rapelye	1	1
John De Bevoyce	1	3
Jacob Rapelye	1	1
Daniel Rapelye Senr.	1	1
Joseph Moore Esqr	0	1
Bernardis Bloom	1	0
Daniel Rapelye Junr.	1	1
Nathaniel Fish	2	1
John Levirich	1	0
William Furman	1	1
Samuel Waldron	1	1
Philip Edsal	2	3
Elizabeth Pumroy	2	1
Robert Coe	1	1
Robert Field Senr	0	1
Abraham Brinkerhoff	2	1
Hendrick Brinkerhoff	1	0
Samuel Fish Junr	2	1
Dow Sidam	0	1
Joseph Morrel	1	0
Edward Titus	0	1
Nathaniel Baily	0	1
Abraham Rapelye	1	2
Samuel Fish Senr	2	4
Abraham Polhemus	0	1
Gabriel Furman	1	0
Revd Simon Horton	2	1
John White	2	1
Widow Titus	1	0
William Sackett Esqr	1	1
Joseph Woodard	2	0
Samuel Moore Esqr	1	1
Samuel Moore Lieut	1	0
John Moore	1	0
Samuel Moore son of Joseph Moore Esqr.	1	0
Benjamin Waters	1	2
Sarah Burrows	1	1
Cornelius Berrian Esqr	0	2
Jeromes Ramsen	1	1
Rem Ramsen	1	1
Total	44	43
Males 44 Total		
Females 43		

26th May 1755.

List of Negroes in Queens County sent by Jacob Blackwell.

Jacob Blackwell	2 Male	1 female
Joseph Sacket	3 Det	2 Det
Samwell Hallett	2 Det	1 Det
George Vannolst	1 Det	—
Nathan More	1 Det	—

Richard Hallett Jen	1 Det	—
Jacob Hallett	1 Det	1 Det
Robert Hallett	1 Det	—
Necolos parsel	2 Det	1 Det
John parsel	1 Det	—
Samwell Hallett Jen	1 Det	—
Tunus Brinkerhouf	1 Det	—
Georg Brinkerhouf	—	1 Det
Samwell Hallett minor	1 Det	—
Peter Borgow	—	1 Det
Isack Borgow	1 Det	3 Det
Isack Borgow jen	2 Det	1 Det
Richard Alsup	3 Det	3 Det
Benjamin Skillman	1 Det	—
Abraham Skillman	1 Det	—
Isack Lott	1 Det	1 Det
Samwell Allburtes	1 Det	—
Samwell Goslen	1 Det	—
Dannel Bets	1 Det	—
Richard penfold	2 Det	—
Jacob Bennet	—	1 Det
Samwell Scuder	1 Det	—
Johnathon Hont	1 Det	1 Det
Whillem Bets	1 Det	1 Det
Samwell Way	1 Det	2 Det
Tunus Skank	1 Det	2 Det
Richard Bets	2 Det	3 Det
Jeams Way	2 Det	1 Det
Joseph Bets	2 Det	—
Andros Reiker	2 Det	1 Dt

OYSTER BAY.

A List of ye Slaves Delivered unto me, of the Eastern District of Oisterbay, Pursuant to the Direction of an act of his Honour the Lieutenant Governour the Council and General Assembly of the Colony of New York.
Oisterbay April 24th, 1755.

JACOB TOWNSEND.

Masters & Mistresses Names	Nom males	Nom females
George Townsend	1	1
Obediah Seaman	—	1
Thomas Seaman	1	—
John Powell	1	1
James Tillott	1	—
Melanthon Taylor Woolsey	1	2
Benjamin Birdsall	1	—
Metice Lane	1	—
George Weekes	1	1
Samuel MacCounse	1	—
William Hawxhurst	—	1
Simon Cooper	2	2
Henry Whitson	1	1
John Cock	—	2
Cornelius Hogland	1	1
Daniel Duryea	—	1
Joseph Cooper	3	1
George Youngs	1	1
John Wootman	—	1
Thomas Smith	3	1
Sarah Ludlam	1	—
Ezekel Shadbolt	—	1

Masters & Mistresses Names	Nom males	Nom females
Thomas Youngs	2	1
Daniel Birdsall	1	—
John Schank	—	1
William Jones	2	2
Isaac Powell	1	1
Isaac Doty	—	1
Nathaniel Townsend Estate	1	1
Richard Willits	—	1
Samuel Waters	—	1
Samuel Willis	2	1
Minard Vansyckley	1	—
Wright Coles	1	1
Charles Ludlam	—	1
Richard Alsop	1	1
Zuroiah Wright	1	—
William Moyles	2	—
Henry Townsend	1	3
Sarah Wright	1	—
John Robbins	1	—
David Jones Esqr	6	4
Henry Lloyd Esqr of Queens Village	5	3
Total	53	44

William Kerby.....1 Female
 Daniel Coles.....1 Male
 John Anderson.....1 Female
 Timothy Townsend.....2 Males 1 Female
 Hannah Frost.....1 Male

may it please your Honourin Compliance with an act of the Generall Assembly & in obedience to your Honnours Command I transmit an accompt of ye negroes in that part of ye Town that is Aderest to me I wait your Honnours further Commands and shall with the utmost pleasure obey & I remain your Honnours most Humble and obedient servant

Oysterbay April 29
 1775

WRIGHT FROST

A List of the Slaves Delivered in unto me by Virtue of An Act of ye Legislature of the Province of New York By the persons hereafter named (viz.:

Capt. Wright Frost's List of Slaves in Oyster Bay:

Wright Frost	1 male	1 Female
Micajah Townsend	2 males	2 Females
Amos Underhill	—	1 Female
Henry Cock	1 Male	1 Female
Thomas Rushmore	1 Male	2 Females
Daniel Underhill	2 males	1 Female
James Sands	3 Males	1 Female
Thomas Bound	1 Male	—
Jacob Bound	—	1 Female
Thoms Kirbe	1 male	—
George Townsend	1 Male	—
Silvenus Townsend	1 Male	1 Female
Hezekias Cock	1 male	—
Adrian Hagaman	1 Male	1 Female
Willm Frost	1 Male	1 Female
Meribah Townsend	1 Male	1 Female
John Semicon	—	1 Female
Willm Larence	1 Male	—
Benjamin Wolsey	2 Males	2 Females
Daniel Cock	2 males	—
Jacob Frost	2 males	1 Female
Joseph Frost	1 Male	1 Female
Deborah Cock	1 Male	1 Female
Derick Alderson	1 male	—
John Striker	1 Male	—
Joseph Hagaman	1 Male	1 Female
Joseph Coles	—	1 Female
Joseph Lattin	1 male	—
Willm Walton	5 Males	2 Females
Peter Hagaman	1 Male	—
Abraham Underhill	1 male	1 Female
Samll Underhill	1 male	1 Female
Thoms Underhill	1 male	1 Female
Henry Dickenson	1 male	1 Female
Townsend Dickensen	1 male	1 Female
Jacob Volingtine	1 male	1 Female
Thoms Parsall	2 Males	1 Female

	Male.	Female.
David Seaman at Jericho within ye Township of Oyster bay	—	2
Obediah Vallentine at ye North Side In ye Township of Hempsted	2	—
Samuel Seaman at Westbury in Oyster Bay	—	1
William Crooker at Wheatly in Oyster bay	1	—
William Willis at Cederswamp In Oyster Bay	2	—
Jonathan Seaman at Jericho in Oyster Bay	—	1
Sarah Titus at Wheatly in Oyster Bay	1	—
Phebe Townsend at Jericho in Oyster Bay	—	1
James Townsend at Jericho in Oyster bay	2	—
Jacob Titus at Wheatly in Oyster Bay	1	1
Silas Rushmore near Jericho in Oyster Bay	1	—
Daniel Youngs near Oysterbay	1	—
Thomas Vallentine Junr at ye East Woods In Oyster Bay	—	1
Robert Seaman at Jericho In Oyster bay	1	1
Zebulun Seaman at Jericho in Oyster bay	1	1
William Seaman at Jericho in Oyster bay	1	1
Thomas Jackson at Jericho in Oyster Bay	1	—
John Hagewont at Jericho in Oyster Bay	1	—
Jown Hewlet at ye East Woods in Oysterbay	—	1
John Hewlet Jur at ye East Woods in Oysterbay	—	1
Robert Crooker at Wheatly in Oysterbay	—	1

Jericho in Oysterbay April ye 25th 1755.

To the Honorable James Delancee Esqr his Majesties Lievtenant Governour and Commander in Chief In and Over ye province of New York and Territorys Thereon Depending In America &c:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR

Whereas there is Sundry free Negroes Melattoes and Mustees Residing within ye Township of Oysterbay that may probably Be Likely In case of Insurrections To be as Mischievous as ye Slaves, Therefore I Thought it my Duty to Acquaint Your Honor Therewith; The following is a List of them Resideing in and about ye Village of Jericho, and I Do Expect that ye Other Captains in Oysterbay will acquaint your Honour of Those Resideing in ye Other parts of ye Township: from Your Very Hum-

A List of ye Free Negroes Mustees &c:
Residing at ye Severall places hereafter Dis-
cribed (viz.:

	Males.	Females.
David Seaman at Jericho In Oyster Bay...	1	—
Obediah Vallentine at ye North Side in Hempsted	1	1
John Willis Junr at Westbury in Hempsted.	1	—
Elizabeth Titus at Westbury in Hempsted.	1	—
John Williams at North Side in Hempsted.	—	1
Richard Willets at Jericho in Oyster bay..	1	—
Jeremiah Robbins at Jericho in Oyster bay.	1	—
Total.....	6	2

HUNTINGTON.

Aprill the 12th 1755 Negroes Belonging
to Huntington male & Female:

Capt Isaac Platt.....	one female
Capt Platt Conklin	one male and one female
Doctor Zopher Platt	four males and two females
Mr Ebenezer Prime	two males and one female
Justice Eliphilet Wickes..	two males and two females
Just Jonas Williams.....	—
Lievt thomas Jervis.....	one female
Nathan Volentine.....	one female
Solomon Ketcham	one male
Thomas Brush.....	one male and one female
David Rogers.....	one male
Widow hanah Wood.....	one female
Nathaniel Ketcham	one male
Philip Ketcham.....	one male
Samuel Brush.....	one male
Joseph Ridgeway.....	one male and one female
Denis Right.....	one male and two females
Benijah Jervis.....	one male and one female
Doctor Gilbert Potter	one male
Nathll Williams.....	one male and one female
azariah Wickes.....	one male and one female
thomas Bunce.....	one male
Joseph Freland.....	one male
Benjamin Right.....	one male
Philip Vdle.....	one male
Josiah Smith	one female
Just Moses Scudder.....	one female
John Samis.....	one female
Israel Wood.....	one female
Robert Brush	one male
Epenetus Conklin.....	one male and one female
John Wood Levth.....	one male
Capt Alexander Br.....	one male
Epeneius Platt	one female
Timothy Scudder.....	one male and one female
Joseph Smith.....	one male and one female
Isaac Ketcham.....	one male
James Smith	two males
Philip Wickes	one male and one female
Alexander Smith.....	one male
timothy Carl Jr.....	one female
Daniel Blackly	one male
Jesse Carl.....	two males and one female
thomas Rogers.....	one male and one female

Macy Lewis.....	one female
Mary Platt.....	two females
Simon fleet.....	one male
William Hawxhurst.....	one male one female
Cap John Davis.....	one male
Livt Joseph Luis.....	one male one female
Thomas Denis.....	one female

A True List &c.

ISAAC PLATT
PLATT CONCKLIN
ALEXR BRYANT.

SMITH TOWN AND ISLIP.

A List of Slaves Within the District of
Captain Job Smith or In the Townships of
Smith Town and Islip:

	Males.	Females
George Norton.....	one	1 0
John Mobrey	one	0 1
Charles Floyd	five	4 1
Obadiah Smith Junr.....	one	1 0
Edmund Smith.....	six	4 2
Richard Smith.....	seven	4 3
Obadiah Smith sener.....	three	2 1
Lemuel Smith.....	one	1 0
Richard Smith Stonebrook.....	one	1 0
Otheniel Smith.....	one	1 0
Isaac Mills.....	one	1 0
Jonas Platt.....	one	1 0
Zephaniah Platt	four	1 3
Jonas Mills.....	one	1 0
William Sexton.....	one	0 1
Solomon Smith	five	3 2
Floyd Smith.....	three	2 1
Mary Tredwell	six	5 1
Robert Arter	one	1 0
Richard Blidenburge.....	two	1 1
Stephen Smith.....	one	0 1
George Phillips.....	0	1 1
Job Smith.....	six	3 3
Joseph Vondel.....	two	1 1
Andrew Tid.....	one	0 1
Thomas Smith.....	three	2 1
Anna Willis.....	two	1 1
Rebeckah Willis.....	two	1 1
Richard Willis.....	two	1 1
Obadiah Smith	two	1 1
Daniel Smith Juner.....	one	0 1
Daniel Smith.....	four	2 2
Epanetus Smith	one	1 0
David Bruester.....	one	1 0
Wiliam Nicols	six	5 1
Elnathan Wicks	one	0 1
Caleb Smith.....	one	1 0
Jonathan Mills.....	two	1 1

The above Account Is a true List of all the Slaves as
Came to my knowledge.

JOB SMITH Captain.

In 1698, according to returns then made,
there were 113 negro slaves in Flushing, 83

numbers were: Kings, 563; Queens, 1,311; Suffolk, 1,090. In 1771 a return issued by Governor Tryon shows the following: Kings, 1,162 blacks; Queens, 2,236; Suffolk, 1,452. These figures are very likely only approximately correct, and are more likely to be under rather than over estimates. They are near enough to absolute correctness to enable us to see that the "institution" was steadily increasing in number; but the proportion to the white population remained about the same all through.

It would appear that from the passage of the act of 1799 the manumission of slaves on Long Island became a matter of comparatively common occurrence. The following is copied from the Corporation Manual of 1864:

From the manner in which manumission was effected, it would seem that precautions were taken by the local authorities against the slaves liberated under the act from becoming paupers and chargeable upon the public, beyond any prescribed in the act itself. Thus the manumission of any slave must be approved by the Overseers of the Poor, who specified in their certificate that the slave was under fifty years of age, and was likely to be self-supporting. It is to be inferred, therefore, that the manumission of slaves over that age, or such as were decrepid or incapable of providing for themselves, was not permitted. The following instrument, whereby the well-known brothers John and Jacob Hicks (after whom Hicks street has been designated), manumit a female negro, is nearly identical in form with all the deeds of manumission which were executed by the citizens of Brooklyn, and the originals of which are still on file in the official archives of the City Hall:—

Be it remembered, this twentieth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, I, Jacob M. Hicks, of Brooklyn, in Kings County and State of New York, owner of a female slave named Gin or Jane, do in conformity to the benevolent act of the Legislature of this State, passed the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine manumit and set free the said

whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date first written.

JACOB M. HICKS, [L. S.]

JOHN M. HICKS, [L. S.]

In the presence of

JOHN COLE,

WILLIAM FOSTER.

We, the subscribers, overseers of the poor for the town of Brooklyn, in the County of Kings, have examined the said Jane or Gin, and find her under fifty years of age and of sufficient ability to gain a livelihood, and we do approve of said manumission, and do allow the same to be recorded.

Brooklyn, 28 May, 1811.

ANDREW MERCEIN,

WILLIAM HENRY.

Subjoined is a list of some of the persons who liberated slaves owned by them, in compliance with the law above quoted, with the date and the witnesses who attested the act. It by no means includes all who had been held and who then manumitted slaves, but it will be found to contain very many representatives of the leading families of the city, and some of the signers of these grants of Emancipation are yet living among us. Under the provisions of the act, as carried out without any apparent reluctance on the part of the citizens interested, the institution gradually and almost imperceptibly disappeared. The following is the list:

On the 4th of September, 1820, Anna Vanderbilt manumits and sets free her female slave named Margaret, aged about 16 years. Witnesses, John Spader, John Sutphine.

On the 24th of March, 1821, John Ryerson, Jun'r., Tunis Johnson and Isaac Cornell, Jun'r, Ex'rs. of Leffert Ryerson, deceased, manumits and sets free a colored male slave of the late Leffert Ryerson named Samuel, aged about 25 years.

On the 10th of May, 1821, Agnes Rappelyea manumits and sets free her colored male slave named Anthony, aged about 30 years. Witness, Chas. F. Rappelyea.

On the 28th of May, 1821, Leffert Lefferts manumits and sets free his colored male slave Henry, aged 22 years. Witness, Maria

named Sude, aged about 35 years. Witnesses, Teunis S. Barkelow, Gabriel Leverich.

On the 7th of July, 1821, Adriance Van Brunt also manumits and sets free his male slave named Jack, aged about 44 years. Witnesses, Teunis S. Barkeloo, Gabriel Leverich.

On the 12th of September, 1821, Jacob Ryerson manumits and sets free his male slave named William, aged about 33 years. Witnesses, James Degraw, Teunis S. Barkeloo.

On the 22d of March, 1820, John Ryerson, Jun'r., manumits and sets free his slave Francis Thompson, aged under fifty years. Witness, Clarence Sackett.

On the 30th of June, 1820, Jeremiah Remsen manumits and sets free his female slave named Nancy, aged about 31 years. Witnesses, Wm. R. Dean, Fulkert Bennet.

On the 1st of August, 1820, Selah S. Woodhull manumits and sets free his female slave named Fanny, aged about 28 years. Witnesses, Sarah Maria Van Brunt, Mary Herry.

On the 29th of August, 1820, Garreta Polhemus, single woman, manumits and sets free her female slave named Betsey, aged about 24 years. Witnesses, Joseph Dean, Henry Dean.

On the 9th of August, 1820, Theodorus Polhemus manumits and sets free his female slave named Hannah, aged about 40 years. Witnesses, William R. Dean, Henry Dean.

On the 14th of May, 1820, Jacob M. Hicks manumits and sets free his female slave named Hannah, aged about 23 years. Witnesses, Henrietta Hicks, John Dean.

On the 30th day of June, 1820, Jeremiah Remsen manumits and sets free his colored female slave named Nancy, aged about 31 years. Witnesses, Wm. R. Dean, Fulkert Bennet.

On the 1st of May, 1818, Jeremiah A. Remsen manumits and sets free his slave named Susan Dean, aged about 24 years. Witnesses, Clarence D. Sacket, Grenville A. Sacket.

On the 13th of April, 1819, Richard Berry manumits and sets free his slave named Peter Cornelison, under forty-five years of age. Witness, Clarence D. Sacket.

On the 30th of April, 1819, Margaretta Duffield manumits and sets free a slave named Hamilton Smith, aged under 40 years. Wit-

On the 16th of May, 1820, Cornelia Cornell manumits and sets free her slave named Harry, aged about 36 years. Witnesses, Catherin A. Cluser, Samuel P. Dunbar.

On the 16th of May, 1820, John C. Freeke manumits and sets free his slave named Titus, aged about 21 years. Witnesses, William R. Dean, John Dean.

On the 21st of May, 1819, George Towers Junior manumits and sets free his female slave named Abigail Porter, aged under 45 years. Witnesses, John Lawrence, Grenville A. Sacket.

On the 22d of September, 1817, Jacob Cowenhoven manumits and sets free his female slave Elizabeth Anderson, aged about 28 years. Witnesses, Clarence D. Sacket, Grenville A. Sacket.

On the 20th of December, 1817, Leffert Lefferts manumits and sets free his female slave named Mary McDennis, aged under 45 years. Witnesses, James Foster, Jacob Smith.

On the 13th of January, 1818, Hezekiah B. Pierpont manumits and sets free his slave named John Lubin, aged about 21 years. Witness, Richard Lyon.

On the 16th of April, 1818, Jacob M. Hicks manumits and sets free his slave named Harry, aged 21 years. Witness, Alexd'r. Birkbeck.

On the 18th of April, 1818, John Doughty manumits and sets free his slave named James, aged about 25 years. Witness, Thomas J. Bartow.

On the 1st of May, 1818, Selah Strong manumits and sets free his slave named Susannah, aged about 31 years, and her daughters Susan, about 4 years old, and Louisa, one and one-half years old. Witness, James Strong.

On the 1st of February, 1817, John Bedell manumits and sets free his negro man slave named Harry, aged about 21 years. Witness, Wm. W. Barre.

On the 24th of March, 1817, Nicholas Luqueer manumits and sets free his female slave named Mary, aged about 22 years. Witness, Wm. W. Barre.

On the 9th of April, 1817, Christopher Codwise manumits and sets free his negro man named John Moore, aged about 38 years. Witnesses James B. Clarke Aimi I. Barbarin

hoven manumits and sets free his male slave Fortune, aged about 25 years. Witness, Clarence D. Sackett.

On the 15th of July, 1817, Teunis J. Johnson manumits and sets free his negro slave named Andrew Hicks, aged about 34 years. Witness, Clarence D. Sackett.

On the 9th of September, 1817, Phebe Fox manumits and sets free her female slave named Betsey Phillips, about 18 years old. Witnesses, Stephen S. Voris and Erastus Washington.

On the 20th of May, 1814, James Thompson manumits and sets free his slave named Betsey, about 35 years old. Witness, P. H. Dickenson.

On the 2d day of July, 1814, Phebe Fox manumits and sets free her slave George Benson, aged about 20 years.

On the 15th of December, 1815, Theod's. Polhemus, Ex'r., manumits and sets free a black slave of John B. Johnson, deceased, about 40 years of age, named Harry. Witness, Charles J. Doughty.

On the 3d of September, 1816, John M. Hicks manumits and sets free his black slave named Phillis, aged about 26 years. Witness, John Duer.

On the 1st of February, 1817, Nich's. Luqueer manumits and sets free his black slave named Samuel, aged about 30 years. Witness, J. Harmer.

On the 4th of March, 1817, Garret Bergen manumits and sets free his black man named Briss, aged about 40 years. Witness, William R. Dean.

On the 10th of February, 1817, Jacob Hicks manumits and sets free his male slave named Benjamin Mott, aged about 27 years. Witness, William R. Dean.

On the 10th of September, 1813, Gideon Kemberly manumits and sets free his slave named Hannah Davis, aged about 25 years. Witness, John Garrison.

On the 20th of October, 1813, Phoebe Fox manumits and sets free her slave named Abraham Benson, aged about 21 years. Witnesses, Itheill Imrad, James B. V. Winkle.

On the 2d of April, 1814, Nehemiah Denton manumits and sets free his male slave named Townsend Cornelison, aged about 26 years. Witness, Elizabeth H. Sackett.

On the 13th of April, 1814, Teunis Tiebout

manumits and sets free her slave named Simon Hicks, aged 29 years. Witness, Ann Osborn.

On the 25th of April, 1814, John Jackson manumits and sets free his slave named Joseph Smith, aged about 34 years. Witness, James B. Clarke.

On the 27th of April, 1814, John Jackson manumits and sets free his slave named Sarah Miller, aged about 30 years. Witness, James B. Clarke.

On the 25th of May, 1812, Jacob Cowenhoven manumits and sets free his slave named Hager Hendrickson. Witness, Peter Cowenhoven.

On the 6th of June, 1812, Nicholas Luqueer manumits and sets free his slave named Hannah Titus. Witnesses, R. Barber, G. A. Cheeseman.

On the 10th of May, 1812, Margaret Elsworth manumits and sets free her slave named Betsey, aged 24 years. Witness, John Doughty.

On the 6th of August, 1812, Henry Hewlett manumits and sets free his slave named Jarvis Jackson, aged about 24 years. Witness, John Doughty.

On the 11th of July, 1812, Joseph Fox manumits and sets free his slave named Phittis Benson, aged about 39 years. Witness, Stephen S. Voris.

On the 12th of April, 1813, Nich's. Boerum manumits and sets free his slave named Diann^o Orange, aged about 40 years. Witness, William Furman.

On the 13th of April, 1813, Andrew Mercier manumits and sets free his slave named Cornelia Brown, aged about 30 years. Witness, John Cole.

On the 30th of June, 1806, Benj'n. Bird-sall also liberates and sets free his female slaves named Cornelia and Jane. Witness, Robert Rhoads.

On the 14th of April, 1807, John Middagh manumits and sets free his male slave named Harry. Witness, John Doughty.

On the 29th of October, —, James B. Clarke manumits and sets free his female slave named Bett. Witness, Daniel Rhoads.

On the 27th of January, 1810, Nicholas R. Cowenhoven manumits and sets free his negro man named Nero, his negro woman named Susannah, his negro boys Harry and James

named Hannah, ten years thereafter, on condition of her faithful services to himself and family during that time.

On the 20th of May, 1811, Jacob M. Hicks manumits and sets free his female slave named Gin or Jane. Witnesses, John Cole, William Foster.

On the 20th of July, 1802, Joseph Fox manumits and sets free his negro man named Jack. Witnesses, John Harmer, John Hicks.

On the 20th of March, 1806, John Wilson manumits and sets free his negro girl Hannah, aged 12 years, at the expiration of 14 years from the 1st of May next. Witness, John Doughty.

On the 22d of July, 1805, Samuel Bouton manumits and sets free his slave named Samuel Estell. Witness, John Doughty.

On the 27th of July, 1805, George Bennett manumits and sets free his slave named Jacob Lucas. Witness, John Doughty.

On the 3d of May, 1806, Cornelius Vanbrunt manumits and sets free his slave named Henry Hendrickson. Witnesses, Nichl's Luqueer, Wm. Cornwell.

On the 13th of June, 1806, Benj'n Birdsall manumits and sets free his female slave named Sarah. Witnesses, Adrian Van Brunt, John Doughty.

On the 1st of August, 1799, Charles Doughty manumits and sets free his man slave named Nicholas Doughty. Witness, John Doughty, Clerk.

On the same day Charles Doughty also liberates and sets free his female slave named Lucrecia Doughty. Witness, John Doughty, Clerk.

On the 18th of April, 1808, Joshua Sands manumits and sets free his servant girl called Bet, aged 18 years.

On the 28th of September, 1808, Benjamin Carpenter manumits and sets free his negro woman named Isabella Dimand. Witness, John Doughty.

On the 20th of October, 1808, John Leferts manumits and sets free his negro man Esop. Witness, John Doughty, Clerk.

On the 5th of December, 1808, Lewis Sands manumits and sets free his negro man named Ceasar. Witness, John Doughty.

On the 1st of January, 1802, Gilbert Van Mater manumits and sets free his negro woman named Dinah. Witness, John Van D.

manumits and sets free his colored slave named Ceasar Foster, aged about 23 years.

On the 9th of January, 1798, Robert Hodge manumits and sets free his negro boy named Robert Hodge, aged about 16 years.

On the 3d of March, 1798, Jacob Hicks manumits and sets free his negro man named William, aged about 37 years.

On the 28th of February, 1799, Major John Cowenhoven manumits and sets free his negro man named Jacob, aged about 40 years.

On the 10th of April, 1799, John Van Nostrand manumits his negro woman named Sylvia, aged about 27 years.

On the 30th of September, 1799, John Jackson manumits and sets free forever his slave Titus.

On the same day John Jackson also liberates and sets free forever his slave Rachell.

On the 27th of July, 1882, Jacob W. Bennet manumits and sets free his colored male slave named Sharpe Miller, aged about 44 years. Witnesses, George Carpenter and David Carpenter.

On the 26th day of April, 1822, Ann Smith Robert Groman, aged 38 years. Witnesses, John J. Albirt, Teunis Barkeloo.

On the 21st of September, 1822, Jeremiah Johnson manumits and sets free his colored female slave Betty, aged 26 years. Witnesses, Peter Stockholm, Teunis Barkeloo.

On the 11th of April, 1822, Peter Wyckoff manumits and sets free his colored man named Henry Hendrickson, aged about 28 years. Witnesses, Burdet Stryker, Teunis Barkeloo.

On the 1st of February, 1817, John Bedell manumits and sets free his negro man named Harry, now aged about 21 years. Witness, William W. Barre.

On the 4th day of September, 1823, Martin Schenck, Jr., manumits and sets free his colored man Amos Thompson, who was thirty-one years of age. The witnesses to the indenture of manumission are John Garrison and George Smith, Jun'r.

On the 15th of May, 1824, Henry Pope manumits and sets free his colored female slave Isabella Dennis, aged about 30 years. Witness, Richard Cornwell.

On the 19th of September, 1823, Samuel Ellis manumits and sets free his colored male slave Peter Franklin, aged about 30 years. Witnesses, A. B. Sclover, Mary Brower.

female slave Hannah, aged about 34 years. Witnesses, John Van Dyke, Teunis Barkeloo.

On the 28th day of December, 1821, John Ryerson, Jr., manumits and sets free his colored female slave named Bet, aged about 33 years. Witnesses, Teunis Barkeloo, Peter Stockholm.

On the 12th of September, 1821, Jacob Ryerson also manumits and sets free his male slave named Thomas, aged about 36 years. Witnesses, James DeGraw, Teunis S. Barkeloo.

On the 22d of September, 1821, Jacobus Lott manumits and sets free his male slave named Sam Johnson, aged about 32 years. Witnesses, Stephen S. Vooris, Teunis S. Barkeloo.

On the 28th of July, 1821, Jacob Cowenhoven manumits and sets free his female slave Mary Hendricksen, aged about 29 years. Witnesses, Peter Conover, W. W. Jackson.

On the 28th of December, 1821, John Ryerson manumits and sets free his female slave named Bet, aged about 33 years. Witnesses, Teunis Barkeloo, Peter Stockholm.

On the 30th of January, 1822, Abraham D. Bevois manumits and sets free his colored female slave named Nell, aged about 30 years. Witnesses, Jeromus R. Cropey, Joshua Talford.

The foregoing manumissions—and there were no doubt many others, the records of which are lost—removed the last traces of the institution from the City of Brooklyn.

While there is no doubt that slaves were bought and sold in the open market in Brooklyn in the early times, in the eighteenth cen-

tury the traffic in human chattels was so generally transacted in private that public sales, and especially sales at auction, became of such seldom occurrence as to be matters of comment. The last of these auction sales, so far as known, was that of four negroes belonging to the estate of the widow Haltje Rappelje of the Wallabout. The first of the recorded manumissions, before the passage of the act of 1799, was that of Cæsar Foster, a slave belonging to John Doughty. The deed was signed March 4, 1797, when Cæsar was twenty-eight years of age. Doughty was a member of the Society of Friends and in early life was associated with his father as a butcher in the Fly Market. In 1785 he helped to organize a fire company in Brooklyn and through that, like so many local "statesmen" afterward, seems to have made his entree into local politics. In 1790 he was one of the assessors of the town and six years later became town clerk, retaining that position for thirty-four years. In 1816, when the village of Brooklyn was incorporated, Doughty was named one of the trustees, and he continued to hold public office of one sort or another up to his death, May 16, 1832. He was a faithful and honest public servant, and it is said that while he was town clerk he recorded more manumissions than any other official. He lived to see the nefarious institution become completely a thing of the past in his home city.