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A Declaration for the certaine time of drawing the great standing Lottery.

It is apparent to the World, by how many former publications we manifested our intents to have drawne out the great standing Lotterie long before this day: which not falling out as ourselves desired, and others expected, whole moneys are already adventured therein, we thought good therefore for avoiding all unjust and sinister constructions, to resolve the doubts of all indifferent minded, in three special points for their better satisfaction.

The first is, for as much as the adventures came in so slackly with such poore and barren receipts of moneys at the Lottery house for this twelve moneth past, that without too much prejudice to our selves and the adventurers in lessening the blankes & prizes, we found no meanes nor ability to proceed in any competent proportion, but of necessity are driven to the honorable Lords by petition, who out of their noble care and disposition to further that publike plantation of Virginia, have recommended their letters to the Counties, Cities and good Townes in England, which we hope by sending in their voluntarie Adventures, will sufficiently make that supply of helpe, which otherwise we should not in any reasonable time have effected.

The second point for satisfication to all honest and well affected minds, is, that notwithstanding this our meanes of Lottery answered not our hopes, yet have we not failed in that Christian care of the Colony in Virginia, to whom wee have lately made two sundry supplies of men and provisions, where wee doubt not but they are all in health and in so good a way with corne and cattell to subsist of themselves, that were they now but a while supplied with more hands and materials, we should the sooner resolve upon a division of the Countrey by lot, and so lessen the generall charge, by leaving each several tribe or family to husband and manure his owne.

The third and last is our constant resolution, that seeing our credits are now so farre engaged to the honorable Lords, & to the whole State for the drawing and accomplishment of this great standing Lotterie which we intend shall be our last of all standing Lotteries for this plantation, that our time fixed and determined for accomplishing thereof, shall be if God permit, without longer delay, the 26. of June next being in Trinity tearme, desiring all such as have undertaken with bookes to sollicite their friends, and all such as intend the prosperity of that worthie plantation, that they will not withhold their monies till the last weeke or monthe be expired, lest we be unwillingly forced to proposition a lesse value and number of our blankes and prizes which hereafter follow.

And whosoever under one name or posie shall adventure twelve pounds ten shillings or upward, if he please to leave & remit his Prizes and Rewards, bee they more or lesse, the Lottery being drawne out, bee they shall have a bill of Adventure to Virginia, for the like sum he adventured & shall be free for that Company & have his part in Lands & all other profits hereafter arising thence, according to his adventure of twelve pounds ten shillings or upwards.

Whoever is behind with the payment of any sum of money, promised heretofore to be adventured to Virginia, if hee adventure in this Lotterie the double of that sum & make payment thereof in ready money to Sir Thomas Smith Knight, Treasurer for Virginia, he shall be discharged of the foresaid summe so promised to have been adventured to Virginia, and of all actions and damages therefrom arising, and have also the benefit of all prizes and Rewards whatsoever in this Lottery, one by reason of the like sum which he shall bring in, and yet notwithstanding, if after the Lottery drawne, he list to remit all his said prizes and Rewards, he shall have a bill of adventure to Virginia, for the said entire summe according to the last preceeding Article.

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And if upon too much delay of the Adventurers to furnish this Lottery, we bee driven to draw the same before it be full, the we purpose to shorten both blanks and prizes in an equall proportion, according to that wherein wee shall come short, bee it most or lesse, that neither the Adventurers may bee defrauded, nor our selves, as in the former, and may wronged.

The prizes, welcome, & Rewards shall be paid in ready Money, Plate, or other goods reasonably rated. If any dislike of the said plate or other goods, he shall have ready money for the same, abating onely a tenth part: Except in small prizes of tenne Crownes or under, wherein nothing shall be abated them.

The money for Adventures is to be paid to Sir Thomas Smith Knight, Treasurer for Virginia, at his house in Philpot lane: or to such officers as shall be appointed to attend for that purpose at the Lottery house: or to such other as shall elsewhere, for the ease of the Countrey be authorized, under the Seale of the Company, for receipt thereof.

The prizes, welcomes & Rewards being drawne they shall be paid by the Treasurer for Virginia, without delay, whensoever they shall be demanded.

And for the better expedition to make our sum compleat, as wel to hasten the drawing of our Lottery, as chiefly to inable us the sooner to make good supplies to the Colonie in Virginia: Whosever under one name or posie shall bring in ready money three pounds, either to the Lottery house, or to any Collector, the same party receiving their money, for every three pounds so received, shall render them presently a silver spoone of 6 shillings 8 pe-ce proze, or 6 sgillings 8 pe'ce in money.

Welcomes.

To him that first shall bee drawne our with a Blanke	100 Crownes
To the second “ “ “ “ “ “	50 Crownes
To the third “ “ “ “ “ “	25 Crownes
To him that every day during the drawing of this Lottery shall bee first drawne out with a Blanke	10 Crownes

Prizes

1 Great Prize of	4500 Crownes
2 Great Prizes, each of	2000 Crownes
4 Great Prizes, each of	1000 Crownes
6 Great Prizes, each of	500 Crownes
10 Prizes each of	300 Crownes
20 Prizes, each of	200 Crownes
100 Prizes, each of	100 Crownes
200 Prizes, each of	50 Crownes
400 Prizes, each of	20 Crownes
1000 Prizes, each of	10 Crownes
1000 Prizes, each of	8 Crownes
1000 Prizes, each of	6 Crownes
4000 Prizes, each of	4 Crownes

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1000 Prizes, each of	3 Crownes
1000 Prizes, each of	2 Crownes

Rewards

To him that shall bee last drawne out with a Blanke	25 Crownes
To him that putteth in the greatest number of Lots under one name or Posie	400 Crownes
To him that putteth in the second greatest number	300 Crownes
To him that putteth in the third greatest number	200 Crownes
To him that putteth in the fourth greatest number	100 Crownes

If diuers bee of equal number, then these Rewards are to be divided proportionally.

Addition of new Rewards

The Blanke that shall bee drawne out next before the Greatest Prize, shall have	25 Crownes
The Blanke that shall bee drawne our next after the said Great Prize, shall have	25 Crownes
The Blankes that shall be drawne out immediately before the 2. next Greatest Prizes, shall have each of them	20 Crownes
The several Blankes next after them shall have also each of them	20 Crownes
The several blankes next before the foure Great Prizes, shall have each of them	15 Crownes
The several Blankes next before the six Great Prizes, shall have each of them	10 Crownes
The several Blankes next after them shall have also each of them	10 Crownes

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