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BOWNE FAMILY PAPERS OF FLUSHING, L.I.

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Deed, William Bromefield to John Bowne

Date: November 12, 1653 New Style

This transcription retains the spelling and punctuation of the original document.

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NOTES ON 17TH- AND 18TH-CENTURY DOCUMENTS

Dates:

1. Quaker dates: early Quakers used the numbers, not the names, of the months and the days of the week. (Note that the numbering of the months was different in the Old Style calendar-- i.e., their "seventh month" is September, not July.)
2. Old Style ("O.S.") vs. New Style (N.S.): Prior to 1752, English people mostly used "Old Style" dating, which followed the Julian calendar and began the New Year on March 25. However, the Dutch and many other European countries followed the "New Style" calendar in use today. By the 17th century, the Old Style calendar had fallen ten days behind the New Style.
3. Dual dating: because the New Style calendar began the year on January 1 and the Old Style began it on March 25, dates that fall in between are sometimes given in a format like 1663/4 or 1663-4.

Common abbreviations:

y ^e = the or thee	y ^m = them
y ^t = that	w th = with
y ⁿ = than or then	w ^{ch} = which

Note: words like "ye" are spelled with the Old English character thorn, which looks like the letter "y" but is pronounced "-th."

Money is denominated in pounds, shillings, and pence, in columns as follows: £ : s : d

Transcription Notations:

Text in ROUND PARENTHESES: () is in parentheses in the original document

Text in BRACKETS or SQUARE PARENTHESES: [] indicates missing or hard-to-read words supplied from context, or from an alternative source.

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[...] indicates missing text (page torn, ink faded, or letters blotted out)

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November the 12th 1653

These Presents¹ witness that I
William Bromefield of Flushing have
sould {*sold*} and doe {*do*} by these presents bargaine
set over and sell unto John Bounde {*Bowne*}
inhabitant of Flushing in the province of
the new netherlands my foure akrees {*acres*} of
ground more or lesse bounded on the one side
by a lott belonging unto John Storer on
the other side by the Common which Lott
was formerly bought by mee William
Bromefield of William Willson and now
sould by mee again unto John Bounde
for him his heirs executors administrators
or assigns perpetually to possesse and injoy
forever together with all the fenceing thereto
belonging soe that neither I nor any by or
from mee shall molest or disturbe the afore
said John Bounde or his assigns from
the quiet and peaceable injoyment of the
aforesaid ground and fenceing alsoe I the
aforesaid William Bromefield doe ingage
my selfe to save the aforesaid John Bowne
harmelesse from all bills bondes mortgages or
ingagements which have beene made unto any
concerning the said land by mee William
Bromefield witness my hand.

{*continued*}

¹ *these presents*: a formal term for legal documents or instruments

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Witness Edward Heart²
William Willson

the mark **X** of William Bromefield

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This was entered in the office of
the North Riding³ the 30th of July
1669

By mee Anthony waters
Clarke

{written sideways}

Entered & Recorded
In ye Town of Flushing by
James Clement⁴
Clerk

{written sideways}

William Bromefield
His Bill of Sale

² Edward Hart (dates unknown): 1645 Flushing Charter signer, Flushing town clerk, and draughtsman of the 1657 Flushing Remonstrance.

³ the North Riding included Manhattan, most of present-day Queens, Nassau Co. and Westchester.

⁴ James Clement (c.1643–c.1724) of County Durham, England, came to Flushing as John Bowne's indentured servant in 1663 (see BFP 2018.1.01.16) and later served as the town clerk for decades.