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BOWNE FAMILY PAPERS OF FLUSHING, L.I.

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Deed, John Hinchman to John Bowne

Date: May 12, 1671 Old Style
(May 22, 1671 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

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

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Deed - John Hinchman to John Bowne - May 12, 1671 (Old Style)

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To all People to whome this p'sent *{present}* writeing shall come Know yee y^t I John Hinchman¹ of Flushing in y^e North Riding of Yorkshire,² Have bargained and sold & doe by these presents fully grant bargaine & sell unto John Bowne of y aforsaid place his heires, Executors, Administrators and assignes as foll.____ foure acres of Land more ore Les *{less}* Scituated in y^e aforesaid Flush. being a Lott formerly granted by y^e towne unto Tho. Wilkinson being bounded Southerly by a Lott of Thomas Bowne westerly fronting to y^e high way & East & north by y^e Land of the aforsd. John Bowne for & in Consideration of a Certaine some to me in hand paid where of I the aforsd. John Hinchman doe fully Exonerat acquitt & discharge the abovsd. John Bowne his heires Executors Administrators & Assignes To have and to hold the aforsd. foure acres of Land according to the bounds Exprest wth all y^e fencing belonging to the afor[sd] Land unto the aforsd. John Bowne his heires executors Administrators & Assignes from hencforth & forevermore And I the aforsaid John Hinchman for me my heires Executors Administrators & Assignes doe heareby ingadge *{engage}* to warrant defend and keep y^e above four acres of Land unto y^e abovsd. John Bowne his heires, Executors Admini[strators] & Assignes from all Claymes titles troubles ore Incumbrances bills Bonds Judg^{mts} deed of Gifts ore

¹ John Hinchman (c.1630s–1688) appears in the 1664 Nicolls Patent of Flushing and the 1675 Flushing estate valuations show he still owned 25 acres there. Hinchman was a soldier in a British military expedition against the Dutch in 1663 and 1664 and in 1680 was commissioned Lieutenant in the Flushing militia by Capt. William Lawrence.

² "Yorkshire," an administrative area in the British colonial Province of New York, encompassed present-day New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County. The North Riding included Manhattan, most of Queens, Nassau County, and Westchester.

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from any plea ore pretense wtsoever made ore to be
made to y^e P'mises aforsd. by any person ore persons

~~whatsoever~~ In witnese hereof I have heareunto subscrib[ed]
my hand & sett to my seale y^e Twelfth day of May
1671.

Signed sealed & Delivered

John Hinchman {SEAL}

In the presen[c]e of

Testes James Clement, Cler.³

Th. Hedger

This entered in the office of the North Riding
the 8th February 1671⁴ by me Anthony Waters
Clarke.

³ 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.

⁴ This date would fall in 1672 in the modern calendar, but the Old Style calendar did not begin the New Year until March 25. This explains why at first glance the deed appears to have been recorded months before it was drafted.