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WHACKLUYTT'S TRAVELS
(Specially Contributed to The Charlottetown Guardian)

This remarkable document, the original of which is in the Bodleian Library, (that storehouse of archeological treasures) is, unfortunately, undated; but from internal evidence the period of its writing can be fixed as the first quarter of the Eighteenth Century, and certainly not later than the year 1730. The use of "ye" and "yt" for the and that, and many obsolete or archaic words, together with peculiarities in the construction of the phrases, inevitably lead to the conclusion that George I or II was the "Klinge" so dutifully addressed. The term "Yengeese," the aboriginal Indian's attempt at the word "English" now modernized into Yankees, also points to the period of the British occupation of what are now known as the United States.

The most careful consultation of various authorities fails to throw any light on the identity of the writer of these "Travels." There certainly was a Hakluyt, Hakluyt or Hackluyt, an explorer in the time of Queen Elizabeth; but we are confronted with the fact that his name was Richard, not Johannes. We can infer from our author's homely saying "He answereth neither Giss nor Sly," that he was a Native saying yt there was ane Is-that expression, in that part of the Kingdom, means to preserve a discreet silence. Giss or Gissy it may be remarked en passant, is the food call of the Sus scrofa or common pig, and is often applied to the animal. The narrative finishes somewhat abruptly; a further search may reveal a continuance of this curious correspondence.

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To ye Kings maist Excellent Majestie, These by ye hande of our trustie Friende Maister Nicholas Appleyard.

Sire, in abevance toe yr. Majestie's settlement in ye newe land's toe ye Waste wee embarked toe ye Number of LX Soules in ye goode Shipp Carta Gena, on ye 23 April, at Liverpoole. Wee sail'd Northw'rd, if Irelaund about IV Dates and meeting with prodigious stormes were like to have founder'd and being much damaged put about and sail'd to ye River Clyde in Scotland. Oure Shippe being patch'd wee did sett saile agayn and after some Daies wee sawe Lande call'd Newe-Founde-Laund, where was many greate Icebergs floating in ye See and much Fogg and Mistes. After IJ Dates more wee did come to a Towne on ye Coaste which ye Natives sayd to bee A-ae-fax, where leaving our Shippe wee made our Way toe ye N. W. passing many great Rocks and Forests until wee came to a Towne call'd Pitoe. Ye native of Northern England; since launde about XVI Leagues to ye N. wee embarked in one of theyr Shippes and sail'd right pleasauntly so yt a Man is fain to eat yt, whe-ye Fortunes isld seeing yt it is nowise troubled with great Stormes and Pestilences and Scarcitye. Ye Haven is of surpassing Bigness soe yt lit wolde harbour all yr Majestie's Shippes at ane tyme, and comming to ye Launding Place was gather'd a greate Concourse of ye Natives to greet us. Ye Chief (who is call'd Preemya) did not come by Reason of ye longe voyage our it being after Sun downe, but did sende a Messenger who commaundeth us to appeare at ye Council Chamber on ye Morrow.

Wee sojourn'd yt night in ane House appointed for us and wee were received with much Hospitality, and all manner of meates, some strange to us but all welcome, as by Reason of ye Lateness of ye Houre Provisions hadde been but scant. Ane dishe, call'd in theyr language, Stoo, is made of divers meate and roots, mang'd and seeth'd together and cunningly ye which wee named ther hee an-hungred or no.

On ye Morrow wee did finde ye said Isld to be a fayre large place,

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well wooded and water'd and with much People, they have fayre skynes as wee have, but maist of them with darke haire and Eyen, not as in yr Majestie's Realm where be very manie with fayre Haire and lighte Eyen. Their skynes is darker in ye Summer being tan'd by ye Sunne, but lighter in ye Winter for by reason of ye exceeding Coldnes of ye Ayre they doe not venture outdoor as much as wee doe. They eke keepe theyr Houses (which are of woodde builded verie fayre and neate) very hotte in winter which is harmful to them and gendereth Rheum. To ye Council Chamber IJ Houres before Noone, where was Preemya with his Nobles and Councillers who in ye Speech of yt Countie are call'd Politicians; he welcom'd us, commend-ing us for coming soe farre to visit him and commaundeth to entertaine us. Ye Council Chamber is a goodly Building of stone as are ye Temples and Store houses for victuals, but ye common Folk, yea and ye Politicians also abide in Houses of Wood, by reason yt ye Stone of ye Isld is not goodde for ye building of Houses and woodde is in greate plenty.

Ye Chief Preemya is ye Head of ye maist powerfull Faction of ye Londe, and calleth together ye Greate Counsell of ye Nacioun, in ye Chamber. Thither att ye same Tyme cometh hys Enemies, and gil it be convenient, thwarieth hys Politicians, reviling them and talking of theyr IJ Deedes for manie Countie towns, wheratt ye said Politicians answer in ye same manner, affirming (amonge other things) the theyr enemies have indeede filch'd from ye publick Treasurie. So yt our Leader saith to mee, In goodde sooth they bin alle alike: an if these bee ye beste, ye chosen of ye People, what may ye worst bee lyke? Gil ye bulke bee lyke ye Stampel, this maitee bee ye worst Nacioun under ye Sunne. But I thinke (sayd I) yt it can not be, sith I have heard ye Halseisds (for soe they appealle ye Tillers of ye Soyle) holding converse together, saying yt they are aware of this Palavra, which indeede profiteth nothing toe ye Nacioun and is not Busyness. Mee asking, a gile (that is, a young Man or Brave) telleth mee yt ane Faction drinketh water, wyne beinge forebidd, as to ye Followers of Mahound; ye other Faction beinge call'd Rhumies or Ootts sith, as theyr Enemies saye, they drinke a kinde of stronge Liquor yclept Rhum. Hence ariseth dayly Contentions between them, joynd by all yt Nacioun, on ye one syde or ye other, exceeding windy and pestilent.

Ye Natives of ye Isld be ye maist loyal toe theyr Kinge of anie people yt I have mett. They be hospitabell toe Straungers and helpfull, but alacke, easy to affronte and taketh offence att a small matter, not as we, who are slow to anger. In labour theyr bee exceeding dilligent, toyling from ye Rising of ye Sunne toe ye Setting of ye same, saith

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Reste: yet are they haste, looking to end their task speedilie and not giving much thought toe its Goodnesse, or Stabilitie. In our Nacioun wee be slower but when tis done tis done. A learned Man who sojourneth in ye Countries of ye Yengeeze to ye Sowthe, (he is call'd Propheusur) saith yt ye people of these Launds bee in Stature bigger than ye Reste by Reason of ye Climate but whether this bee soe I wil not.

Ye nexte daie ye Sabbath, wee did goe to a Tempel and founde a greate Multitude at theyr Devotions, bothe men and women, wheratt I was astonish'd and eke asham'd: for gif I goe into ye Church in mine owne Lande I shall see maistie Women and theyr yonge; which is a sorrie matter for anie Countie. When ye Preacher hadde ended hys Discourse ye people stooode and sang verie tunelessly and heartilie, but theyr voyces bee graver and more metallick than oures, as ye shall hear of alle Folk where ye Winter is colde. When ye service was ended our Captaine saith toe mee: Of a veritie thys maye bee ye maist devoute Nation under ye Sunne. How, (quoth I) Ye blow hotte and colde, lyke ye Satyr in ye Fable; to ye whiche hee answer'd neither giss nor stye, not witting (as I thinke) whatt a satyr bin.

In thys Londe bee many hundreds of Charoyts which they call Philiphers, which bee soe mercurious and strange as male not, bee believ'd. Ye Natives poure a kinde of Oyle (call'd Casquelleine or some suche name) into ye Charoyt, and it burneth in ye front parte thereof, making ye sayd Charoyt toe runne right speedilie, withouten horse or anie beast of draught. I lye not. A gile sayde toe mee: I hiterup Ferisixite, which being interpreted meaneth yt hee had travell'd XX of



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