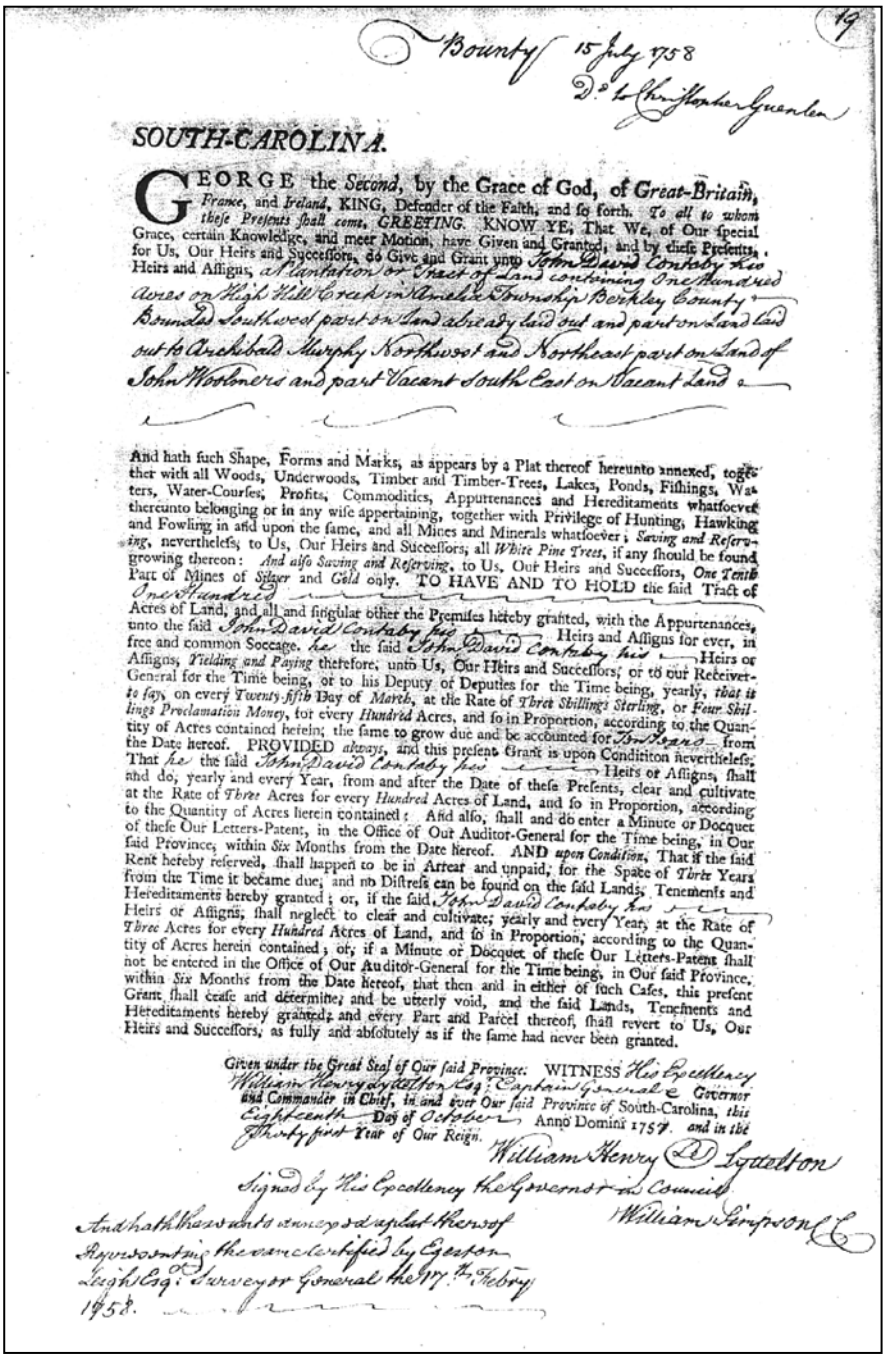
APPENDIX 14

Royal Grant
John David Contaby, 100 Acres, Berkley County, 18 October 1757[1]



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SOUTH-CAROLINA.

GEORGE the *Second*, by the Grace of God, of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, and so forth. *To all to whom these Presents shall come*, GREETING. KNOW YE, That We, of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, have Given and Granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do Give and Grant unto John David Contaby his Heirs and Assigns, a Plantation or Tract of Land containing One Hundred Acres on High Hill Creek in Amelia Township Berkley County Bounded Southwest part on Land already laid out and part on Land laid out to Archibald Murphy Northwest and Northeast part on Land of John Woolmers and part Vacant South East on Vacant Land

And hath such Shape, Forms and Marks, as appears by a Plat thereof hereunto annexed, together with all Woods, Underwoods, Timber and Timber-Trees, Lakes, Ponds, Fishings, Waters, Water-Courses, Profits, Commodities, Appurtenances and Hereditaments whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, together with Privilege of Hunting, Hawking and Fowling in and upon the same, and all Mines and Minerals whatsoever; *Saving and Reserving*, nevertheless, to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, all *White Pine Trees*, if any should be found growing thereon: *And also Saving and Reserving*, to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, *One Tenth* Part of Mines of *Silver* and *Gold* only. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of One Hundred Acres of Land, and all and singular other the Premises hereby granted, with the Appurtenances, unto the said John David Contaby his Heirs and Assigns for ever, in free and common Soccage. he the said John David Contaby his Heirs or Assigns, *Yielding and Paying* therefore, unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or to our Receiver-General for the Time being, or to his Deputy or Deputies for the Time being, yearly, *that it to say*, on every *Twenty-fifth* Day of *March*, at the Rate of *Three Shillings Sterling*, or *Four Shillings Proclamation Money*, for every *Hundred* Acres, and so in Proportion, according to the Quantity of Acres contained herein; the same to grow due and be accounted for Ten Years from the Date hereof. PROVIDED *always*, and this present Grant is upon Condititon nevertheless, That he the said John David Contaby his Heirs or Assigns, shall and do, yearly and every Year, from and after the Date of these Presents, clear and cultivate at the Rate of *Three* Acres for every *Hundred* Acres of Land, and so in Proportion, according to the Quantity of Acres herein contained: And also, shall and do enter a Minute or Docquet of these Our Letters-Patent, in the Office of Our Auditor-General for the Time being, in Our said Province, within *Six* Months from the Date hereof. AND *upon Condition*, That if the said Rent hereby reserved, shall happen to be in Arrear and unpaid, for the Space of *Three* Years from the Time it became due; and no Distress can be found on the said Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments hereby granted; or, if the said John David Contaby his Heirs or Assigns, shall neglect to clear and cultivate, yearly and every Year, at the Rate of *Three* Acres for every *Hundred* Acres of Land, and so in Proportion, according to the Quantity of Acres herein contained; or, if a Minute or Docquet of these Our Letters-Patent shall not be entered in the Office of Our Auditor-General for the Time being, in Our said Province, within *Six* Months from the Date hereof, that then and in either of such Cases, this present Grant shall cease and determine, and be utterly void, and the said Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments hereby granted, and every Part and Parcel thereof, shall revert to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as fully and absolutely as if the same had never been granted.

Given under the Great Seal of Our said Province: WITNESS His Excellency William Henry Lyttelton Esq: Captain General & Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Our said Province of South-Carolina, this Eighteenth Day of October Anno Domini 1757. and in the Thirty first Year of Our Reign.

William Henry Lyttelton

Signed by His Excellency the Governor in Council
William Simpson C.

And hath thereunto annexed a plat thereof Representing the same certified by Egerton Leigh Esq: Surveyor General the 17th Febry 1758.

[1] Contaby, John David, Land Grant for 100 Acres in Amelia Township , High Hill Creek, Berkley County, S. C., 18 October 1757, S213016, Vol. 2G, pp. 19, SCDAH.