

*CATER, THOMAS***Clayton Rhodes**

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Subject: Eureka!

Dear Cater Cousins,

I have obtained a legible copy of the State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies, 1669-1674, ed. by Sainsbury. This was an example of perseverance on my part (there is some validity about Taurus folk). First, I requested the article from my public library – wonder's never cease – it came from Wellesley, Mass., however, it was on microfiche. Trust me, the print was so small only the most ardent genealogist who had a wish to be blind would have ever had the patience to sit and read it [there are 27 volumes]. Wellesley sent all 27 volumes even though I specified Vol. 7 and the pages I wanted. Oh well. However, at the same time I asked the reference librarian at work if he would take pity on a retired librarian who is now relegated to the sub-basement at the Lab and try to get it also. This time I was VERY successful. He obtained it from a library that had it on a CD-ROM.

My intention is to finish photocopying and get both copies off to you in Saturday's mail. You can then examine the original 1889 copy as well as the enhanced CD-Rom. You should have your packet next week.

Thomas Cater, upon his arrival in the Carolinas, apparently stated he had come from Jamaica. This document lists a Thomas Cater owning 100 acres of land in St. Andrews Parish (where Kingston is now), in the proper time frame that fits our Thomas Cater. There is, of course, no way to say this Thomas Cater is absolutely OUR Thomas Cater – but since the name is not all that common, either then or now, I think it gives some substantiation to his story.

I am going to go through the list and see if I can find any other names of people who might have come with him.

Best wishes,
Margaret

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