

the muniment chest of the manor of Holme, an abstract of which is herewith appended:—

This indenture made 24 Mar. 1633/4, between Sir William Constable of Flamborough, Bart., Thomas Crosby and his son Simon Crosby of Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, yeoman, of the one part, and Sir Marmaduke Langdale of North Dalton, Knt., and Richard Meadley of Sancton, gent., of the other part, all of the County of York, witnesseth; that whereas on 17 Sept. 1632, the said Sir William Constable conveyed to the said Thomas and Simon Crosby five messuages with all rights and appurtenances in Holme, in the occupation of William Hewley, John Varnill, George Atkinson, William Johnson, and Thomas Ashland, for term of three hundred years, with proviso that if said Sir William Constable should pay to said Thomas and Simon Crosby £400 within seven years after above date, with interest of £32 per year, then the mortgage should terminate and the premises revert to said Constable; now this indenture witnesseth that the said Thomas Crosby and his said son Simon Crosby, with the assent of said Sir William Constable, in consideration of a "competent sum" of money, hereby do convey to said Sir Marmaduke Langdale and Richard Meadley, all their term and interest whatsoever in the above premises. (Signed by) WILLIAM CONSTABLE,

Thomas Crosby Simon Crosby

Source: "Simon Crosby the Emigrant"; Eleanor Davis Crosby"

Witnesses: THO: FUGILL, CHRISTOPHER JACKSON.

This and other documents to be found in the Proprietors' Records of Cambridge, Mass., establish the fact that Thomas Crosby was comfortably well off at the time of his coming, a fact merely to be noted for what it is worth, as indication that other than the spirit of adventure actuated his removal to America. While no proof exists as to the exact date of his arrival in this country, it may fairly well be supposed he came over with the flock in charge of Rev. Ezekiel Rogers, with whose destinies he later cast his lot in Rowley, Mass.

That he was not only sufficiently well off to be comfortably independent, but also was able to utilize his funds for the public good, is shown by his connection with the first printing-press ever brought to America and there set up,