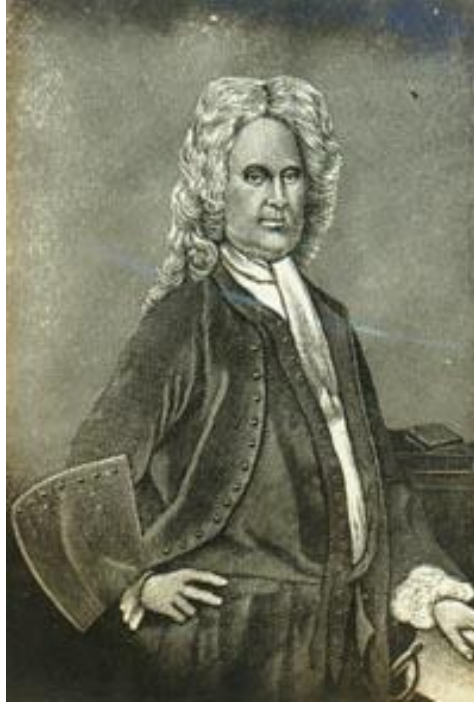


### ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY SEPTEMBER 5



Virginia Lieutenant Governor Alexander Spotswood

A party led by Virginia Lieutenant Governor Alexander Spotswood, exploring lands in western Virginia, reached the crest of the Appalachian Mountains on September 5, 1716.

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**Investigate the Document:** (Ms80-222)

1. What former British coin and monetary piece is cited in the Alexander Spotswood letter in the sum of fifteen units?
2. When was this letter written?

**Think Critically:** Alexander Spotswood headed the Knights of the \_\_\_\_\_ Expedition in 1716 across the Blue Ridge Mountains. What do you think was the primary purpose of this voyage?

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That for divers good causes and considerations (but more especially for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen shillings of good and lawful money for our use paid to our Receiver General of our revenues in this our Colony & Dominion of Virginia: We have given granted and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give grant and confirm unto Richard Vance, of the County of Prince George, one certain tract or parcel of land, containing one hundred and forty two acres ~~lying~~ <sup>lying</sup> on one south side of Gravelly run in both sides of the great branch, in the same County and bounded as followith, to wit: Beginning at Epps corner poplar on the lower side of the said branch; thence N. 33° West. 99 poles to a corner red oak; thence west. 33° South 60 poles to a corner between several trees chopt inwards thence S. 33° east. 174 poles to a corner between several trees chopt inwards thence E. 33° N. 202 poles to a corner pine, on the beaver pond thence up the Beaver pond of Gravelly run; as it meanders to Epps line thence W. 33° south along Epps line, 140 poles to the beginning. With all &c. To have holden, enjoyed & paying t. provided &c. In witness &c. Witness our trusty and well beloved Alexander Spotswood our Lt. Governor &c. At Williamsburg under the seal of our said Colony the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1722, in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of our reign.

A Spotswood

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Apr 29 1855

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Wm. Pennington Esq

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