ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

September 5

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?
George & Tall & KNOW YE, that for divers good causes and considerations, but more especially for the 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 granted and confirmed unto you here, to have and to hold the above described parcel of land, containing one hundred acres, more or less, being in the west side of the great branch, in the above county and bounded as followeth to wit: Beginning at said corner points on the lower side of the said branch, thence N. 33° W. 99 poles to a corner red oak, thence west 33° S. 60 poles to a corner between several trees checkered towards thence N. 33° E. 174 poles to a corner between several trees checkered towards thence E. 33° N. 208 poles to a corner fence on the beaver pond through the beaver pond of Grave's run, as it meanders to Grave's line thence W. 33° S. along Grave line 140 poles to the beginning. With all and一切的 appurtenances. To have ye thereof, to have ye thereof, to have ye thereof. Witness our hands and seals. Alexander Spalding, our Sr. Governor, at Williamsburg under the seal of our said Colony the 22nd day of June 1722, in the 8th year of our reign.

W. Feltwell

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