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Maryland All aspects of Virginia  
held at the City of Annapolis in the said  
County the 26th Day of April in the last year of  
Reigne of our Sovereign Lord James Queen of Great  
Britain France and Ireland and the Dominions and  
Territories thereto Belonging Defender of  
Catholic Religion One thousand seven hundred  
and nine, the honorable Edward Lloyd being  
of his Majesty's Council of the Province aforesaid  
were made the Laws following

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An Act Confirming and Making good and Valid in Law a certain Lease or deed  
demise made between Robert Smith Late of Talbot County Esq: Deceased and Mathew  
Mason of the same County planter  
**Whereas** Robert Smith Late of Talbot County Esq: by the name of Robert Smith  
Talbot County in and by a certain Writing or deed poll by him duly Executed bearing date  
the Twelfth day of April one thousand seven hundred and three did unto Mathew Mason  
Mathew Mason of the same County and his heires and assigns for and during the Term  
of his Life and the Life of his then wife. And his eldest Son Mathew and in case the said  
Mathew should die before his Father and Mother then for the Life of Richard Mason  
one hundred acres of Land part of a tract of Land called Barbadoes Hall Lying on  
Cousinall Creek Renning yearly on the tenth day of October the Rent of two Shillings  
paying to the said Robert Smith or his heires **And whereas** the said Robert Smith  
shortly after died before the said Lease or deed poll was by him acknowledged before  
the Justices of the Peace or County Court according to Law. and for that the said Lease  
or deed poll is of the proper hand Writing of the said Robert Smith Esq: and wants  
several Requisites to make an absolute title to the said Mathew Mason for the Term  
of the Life of himself his wife and Son or Sons according to the Intent & designe of the  
Lease and Deed. The said Mathew Mason therefore humbly Supplicated this present  
Generall Assembly that the said Lease might by an act of this Generall Assembly be  
made good and Valid in Law which being thought Reasonable  
It is humbly prayed that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queens most Excellent  
Majesty by and with the advise and Consent of her majesties Council and Assenbly  
provinced and the Authority of the same that the said Lease or deed poll be as aforesaid  
made by the said Robert Smith to the said Mathew Mason shall be duly  
Recorded in the Records of the County Court of Queen Anne County where the same  
Lies and that by Virtue of such Recording and this act the said Lease or deed poll  
shall Vest and Settle in the said Mathew Mason his Executors Administrators  
assignes under the yearly rents and Covenants therein Express'd a good and  
firm from the day of the date thereof for and during the Life of the said  
Mason and his said wife and the Life of the said Mathew Mason