Lib. L. L. named John Gandy did heretofore (Viz) upon the Thirtieth day of August one thousand seven hundred purchase of Richard Bourk late of the said City of London Gentleman a Certain Tract of Land lying in Chester River Called Readbourne and Containing one thousand acres more or Less orriginally taken up and Granted to one George Read the third day of January in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty nine and afterwards as it was supposed Escheated to the P. 359 Right honourable the Lord Proprietory of this province for want of heire of the said George and by Judgment of the Provincial Court of this province upon Inquisition so ajudged the Twenty second day of March one thousand six hundred Eighty three & afterwards Viz. upon the third of ffebruary one thousand six hundred Eighty foure granted by the present Lord Baltemore unto the said Richard Bourk. That some Time in the yeare of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Two the said John Gandy being Convinced that the said George Read had an heir at Law in that part of Great Brittain heretofore Called Scotland & being desirous to make himself a pfect Title to the said Land Employ'd an agent to purchase for him the Right of the said George Read not only to the aforesaid Tract of Land Called Readbourne but Likewise to two or three smaller Tracts of Land lying neare the River of Putuxent & Generally to all the Lands and Tenements whatsoever to which he the said George Read had any right & Title in this province which for a Valluable Consideration by the said John Gandy paid to the said George Reads heir at Law was Effected and firme deeds of Lease and Release duly Executed by the said heir at Law to the said John Gandy of the said Lands with power of Atturney by him directed to W^m Dent Gentleman deceased and Charles Carroll to acknowledge the said Deeds according to Act of Assembly of this province In such Cases to him the said John Gandy & his heires which was accordingly done by the said William Dent & Charles Carroll at the Provincial Court held In this province next before that in which the State house was burnt. That so It happened that the said deeds of Lease & Release with due & authentick probates thereof as also the authentick probates of the parties who Executed the same being the reall true and Rightfull heire at Law of the said George Read were burnt in the State house or Court house after the Clerke had made some progress in Recording the same whereby the said John Hydes Title who purchased for the Consideration of five hundred pounds Sterling from the said John Gandy the said Tract of Land Called Readbourne as by Authentick Deeds bearing date the Sixteenth Day of January one thousand seven hundred and foure may appeare & the said John Gandys