

L. H. J. of this Province, of the one Part, and Anthony Workman, of Kent
 Liber No. 47 Island in the County of Talbot, of the other Part, and William
 May 23 Freeman, Bricklayer, of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, of the other
 Part, concerning a Lot of Land in the said Town, and building a
 House thereon, to the Use of the said Anthony Workman, during
 his natural Life; and after his Decease, to the Use of the Free
 School of this Town for ever; bearing Date the eighth Day of
 June, Anno Domini 1696, and ordered to be recorded in the Journal
 of the Governor and Council, and the House of Burgesses of this
 General Assembly; be of absolute and full Force, and available in
 Law, to the Uses therein expressed, according to the true Intent and
 Meaning thereof; any Defect in Form, or Want of Form, in the
 same notwithstanding.'

Your Committee have made diligent Search in the Journals of
 the Honourable House of Delegates, for the Years 1696, 1697; but
 cannot find the Deeds, Obligations, Writings, or Evidences, in the
 said Act mentioned to be recorded in the said Journals: And your
 p. 61 Committee likewise applied to the Clerk of the Council, to know if
 the said Deed, Obligations, or Evidences, were recorded in the Jour-
 nals of the said Council; who answered, that he had made diligent
 Search, but could not find the same in the said Journals.

Your Committee, upon Enquiry, find, that Dr. George Steuart,
 Mr. John Lomas, and the Heirs of Mr. Hugh Kennedy, deceased,
 are in Possession of the said Lots, under Leases, or Promises of
 Leases, from the Visitors of the Free School, or King William's
 School, in the City of Annapolis; and that they, or some of them,
 or those under whom they or some of them derive their Title, have
 been so possessed for 30 Years last past, or more. Your Committee
 find in the Land-Office, that a certain Emanuel Jenkinson, of Talbot
 County, had surveyed for him a Tract of Land called Surveyor's
 Forest, lying in Dorchester County, on the South Side of Great
 Choptank River, for 650 Acres, as by the Certificate thereof, bear-
 ing Date March 10, 1682, may appear. We likewise find in the said
 Land-Office an authentic Assignment, well drawn, from the said
 Emanuel Jenkinson, dated the 1st Day of April, 1683, to Thomas
 Smithson, of Talbot County, Gent. in Consideration of 2400 lb. of
 Tobacco, for the said Land called Surveyor's Forest. We also find
 in a Copy of the last Will and Testament of Col. Thomas Smithson,
 heretofore of Talbot County, deceased, from the Prerogative Office,
 the following Clauses; viz. 'My Land called Surveyor's Forest, in
 Dorchester County, I give to my Sister Dorothy, the Wife of
 Michael Fletcher, of Richmond in Yorkshire, in Great Britain, and
 to the said Michael her Husband, and to any Husband she may
 happen to have, for their Lives, and the Life of the longest Liver;
 the Remainder to the lawful Issue of my said Sister; and for De-
 fault of such Issue, to the Visitors of the Free Schools in Mary-