

Calvert
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[1754] In the year 1716 in a Suit of Chancery in Maryland in w.^{ch} Maurice Burchfield Esq.^r Surveyor General of the Southern District of Amercia as Agent and attorney for the Crown was Complainant, and Joseph Brown Son & heir of the said Peregrine Brown defendant, it was decreed that the said tract of Land called Turkey point (supposed to be the property of the said Peregrine Brown) should be sold at publick Vendue, towards satisfying and paying his Majestys debt due from Peregrine Brown, and that the purchaser should be vested with an Estate in Fee / vid Records in Chanc Lib.^r Pl. fol. 317. as by a Copy thereof under the hand of the Register of the Court of Chancery of Maryland may appear

Turkey Point in Pursuance of the said decree and assignment was put up at publick vendue in Annapolis by the said Burchfield and Brown and purchased by Richard Bennett Esq.^r together with some negroes & Stock for £550.. Sterling as by the Certificate under the hand of the Auctioneer hereunto annexed may appear.

In 1718 before Richard Bennet payed the purchase money he discovered the Burchfield & Brown had not authority in Right of the Crown to Convey a legal title to him in a more than a moiety of the Land called Turkey Point by reason of the Crowns not having taken the proper steps to Extend the moiety of Turkey point Supposed to belong to the said Robinson, but upon the said Burchfield & Browns passing a writing under their hands to the said Richard Bennett to return him £ 250 Stel. out of the purchase money in Case a good title was not made to the said Richard Bennett of the Land called Turkey point, he paid the purchase money as by a true Copy of the said writing proved by the oath of Michael Macnemara Esq.^r and hereunt annexed may more fully appear

The Commissioners of his Majestys Customs in the year 1719 wrote a Letter to his Excellency John Hart Esq.^r then Governor of Maryland acquainting him of Burchfields & Browns Engagements to M.^r Bennett and that they had promised on behalf of the Crown to Indemnifie Burchfield & Brown against their said Engagem.^t and that Serjeant Pengelly's Opinion was that a Good title may be made to M.^r Bennett by an Act of Assembly of Maryland and earnestly recomended to him, to be a means of obtaining such an Act, as by a true copy of the said Letter proved to be so by the Oath of Mich.^l Macnemara Esq.^r hereunt annexed may appear

[p. 2] In 1720 an Act of Assembly passed to vest Richard Bennet Esq.^r w.th an Estate in Fee in the said Land called Turkey Point as fully as if the usual Course of Law had been used and taken to Charge the Estate of the said Robinson w.th the money due to the said Brown to the Crown and in the said Act it is expressly say'd " that it Evidently appear'd to the then General Assembly that the said Robinson dyed considerably indebted to the said Brown " as by the Said Act of Assembly under the Seal of the Provincial Court hereunto Annexed may appear