

in the Same before us in our Court of Chan.<sup>ry</sup> to be held the ninth day of february wheresoever it Shall then be fully & Intirely you Send and that you make known to George Utye & Hannah Bowen that they be & psonally appear before us on the day & place afores.<sup>d</sup> that we may further do therein as according to Law & Equity to us Shall Seem meet Wittness our Self at our City of S.<sup>t</sup> maries the 28.<sup>th</sup> day of December in the 43.<sup>th</sup> year of our Dominion &c.<sup>a</sup> Annoq Domini 1674

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To his Excellency the Cap.<sup>t</sup> Generall

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The Humble petition of Bridgett Liget pt Widow Sheweth

That one William Smoot haveing a pa for a pcell of Land Lying on the west Side of Wiccocomoco in Charles Co<sup>ty</sup> ad-joyning to the Land of John Hatch his Land four hund.<sup>d</sup> acres more or Less the Said Land by Severall measne a men.<sup>ts</sup> Came to the Seizin & possession of Thomas Carvile & he being & possesst thereof did for a valuable Consideraçon to him Se red to be paid by John Leget yo.<sup>r</sup> pet.<sup>rs</sup> late husband deçed assigned the S.<sup>d</sup> four hund.<sup>d</sup> acres to your pet.<sup>rs</sup> Said husband but before the Consideracon was paid the Said John Leget Dyed

After whose Death yo.<sup>r</sup> pet.<sup>r</sup> altogether Ignorant of the s<sup>d</sup> assignm.<sup>t</sup> to her husband makes a new Contract w.<sup>th</sup> the S.<sup>d</sup> Thomas Carvile for the absolute purchasing of the premisses to her & her heirs for Ever Whereupon the S<sup>d</sup> Thomas in Consideration of the Sume of four thousand four hundred pounds of Tobacco to him paid by yo.<sup>r</sup> pet.<sup>r</sup> assigned the p<sup>r</sup>misses to yo.<sup>r</sup> pet.<sup>r</sup> by Virtue whereof She hath ever Sythence held y<sup>e</sup> possession of the p<sup>r</sup>misses & hath been at Great Charge in Building & Clearing & paid the Rent to this time

That yo.<sup>r</sup> pet.<sup>r</sup> is now informed y.<sup>t</sup> her S.<sup>d</sup> husband by virtue of y.<sup>e</sup> assignm.<sup>t</sup> from Carvile dyed Seized of y.<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>misses & he dying w.<sup>th</sup>out issue y.<sup>e</sup> S.<sup>d</sup> four hund<sup>d</sup> acres of Land are become Escheated

Now for as much as y.<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>misses is y.<sup>e</sup> onely Support & Livelyhood of y.<sup>r</sup> poor pet.<sup>r</sup> She humbly Imploras yo<sup>r</sup> Lpp wo.<sup>d</sup> be Graciously pleased to issue out y.<sup>r</sup> Lpps Writt of mandamus to Such psons as y<sup>r</sup> Lpp Shall think fitt of yo<sup>r</sup> Co<sup>ty</sup> of Charles Co.<sup>ty</sup> in ord.<sup>r</sup> to y.<sup>e</sup> Echeating of y.<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Lands to his Ldps use & th<sup>t</sup> threupon yo.<sup>r</sup> pet.<sup>r</sup> may have y.<sup>e</sup> preemption threof & a patent for y.<sup>e</sup> Same & y.<sup>r</sup> pet.<sup>r</sup> as in duty bound Shall Pray

Granted

Cæcilius &c To our Trusty and Welbeloved John Bowles John Douglas & Robert Poynce of our County of Charles County Greeting We Command you or any two of you that by the Oaths of twelve Good and Lawfull men of your Said County of Charles County by

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