

U. H. J. teen Years, Daughter of the aforesaid Henry Darnall Junior and  
 Liber No. 36 Rachel Darnall, and of Robert Darnall Uncle to the aforesaid Mary  
 June 2 Darnall.

Sheweth

p. 380 That an Advantageous offer of Marriage hath been made to the  
 aforesaid Mary Darnall, and the Sum of three hundred Pounds  
 Sterling a Year is proposed to be settled on the said Mary Darnall,  
 during her natural Life in Lieu, and in Bar of Dower, and the  
 Right she may have to the third part of the Personal Estate, which  
 Settlement your Petitioners approve of, judging it to be for the  
 Benefit of the said Mary, and are willing to execute the same on their  
 parts, but Whereas the Petitioners are informed, that a Settlement  
 to Bar the said Marys Claim of Dower in the Lands, and the Share  
 she might Claim of the Personal Estate, cannot be made effectual  
 and binding in the Law upon the said Mary, she being yet an Infant  
 under the Age of Twenty One Years, And as the Marriage aforesaid  
 is deferred on Account of the apprehended invalidity of the Settle-  
 ment, intended to be made should it be executed at this time.

Your Petitioners thereof humbly pray, that, in Order to remove  
 all Doubts, about the force and validity of such a Settlement, A Bill  
 may be brought in and passed into a Law, to empower the said  
 Mary Darnall, by and with the Advice of your Petitioners, to enter  
 into and assent to the aforesaid Marriage Settlement, or Articles  
 for the Securing the said Jointure to the said Mary, and in bar of  
 her Right of Dower, and the Share She might Claim of the personal  
 Estate, by the Law or Usage of this Province

And that the said Settlement or Marriage Articles be made, to  
 all Intents and purposes, as binding upon the said Mary Darnall,  
 and of as full force and Virtue in Law as if she were of full Age.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will pray &.<sup>a</sup>

Henry Darnall Junior  
 Robert Darnall  
 Rachel Darnall  
 Mary Darnall.

And the Question being put whether it should pass and be referred  
 to the Lower House, it was determined in the Affirmative, but Daniel  
 Dulany Esq.<sup>r</sup> declared, that tho' he thought the Provision proposed,  
 in respect of the Annual Sum to be Settled was unexceptionable and  
 even liberal, He was against the Question, because it is a Standing  
 Rule of this House not to pass Acts in Consequence of private  
 Petitions, where the remedy or purpose sought is sufficiently pro-  
 vided for by the general existing Laws, and he conceived, that,  
 under the Statute of 27,<sup>th</sup> Henry the 8,<sup>th</sup> and one Act of 1715, a  
 Jointure properly made upon a Young Lady of Miss Darnall the  
 Petitioners Age, Viz.<sup>t</sup> between 19 and 20., would clearly bar her