

be sold and the Monies arising therefrom applied in paying off and fully settling the said Mentioned Legacies and Bequests That the Personal Estate of the said Caleb Dorsey after the Payment of his Debts is by no means sufficient to pay off the abovementioned Legacies and Bequests That the said Caleb Dorsey in the intermediate time between the making his said Will and his Codicil hereafter mentioned did buy and purchase of a certain Alexan[der] Lawson of Baltimore County his third part of the said Furnace and Works at Curtis [Creek] that the said Caleb Dorsey by his Codicil bearing Date on the twenty first Day of May in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy two did among other things give and devise unto his two Sons Edward Dorsey and the said Samuel Dorsey and their heirs to be equally divided between them to hold as Tenants in Common the aforesaid one third Part of said Furnace and Works at Curtis Creek. That the Furnace Dam was carried away some Years before the Death of the said Caleb Dorsey that there is no Iron Ore on the Lands that it has not been used for several Years owing to the Want of Ore and the Difficulty of securing the Dam that it would take a large Sum of Money to put the Works in Order to make Iron and the Yearly Purchase of Ore would be very expensive. That the said Edward Dorsey is an Infant under the Age of twenty one Years and therefore unable by Law to make and execute any valid Contract or Sale of and for his undivided sixth part of the said Furnace and Works at Curtis Creek. That it will greatly conduce to the Interest and Advantage of the said Edward Dorsey and the aforesaid Petitioners to sell and dispose of the said Furnace and Works and the Lands belonging thereto whole and entire or laid off in Parcels because the Selling them in undivided Parts or Parcels would greatly diminish the Value of the said Edward Dorsey's Undivided Sixth Part and render it totally unprofitable during his Minority, that no Person would become a Purchaser or if any did a far less Price would be obtained. And therefore prayed that they might be enabled to sell and dispose of the said Furnace and Works and the Lands belonging thereto and Execute a good and effectual Conveyance or Conveyances of the Same to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof and his or their Heirs and the several Facts therein alledged appearing to this General Assembly to be true

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Be it therefore enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same That the said Petitioners or the Survivors of them in Case of Death be and they are hereby Authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of the said furnace and Works and the Lands thereto belonging whole and entire or laid off in Parcels at Public Sale and to convey the same in Fee to the Purchaser or Purchasers, Provided Notice of such Sale be published in the Maryland Gazette for six