

south one hundred and fifty perches for breadth, and from thence (contrary to the above said certificate) running east three hundred and twenty perches for length, and from thence running north one hundred and fifty perches for breadth, and from thence with a right line to the first bounder; as per the certificate of resurvey more plainly will appear which is confirmed by the jurors' subscriptions and seals hereunto annexed.

(Signed, &c. by all the jury.)

LIBER No. 1, fol. 421.

*Resurvey where Minors were concerned.*

There is in the land proceedings of the proprietary government an appearance of great attention to the interests of orphans and minors:—In general it was the practice, and there are some express orders upon that subject, to let every thing in which those persons were concerned stand in its actual state until they should be of age—There are, nevertheless, instances of resurveys for the benefit of minors:—In these cases the application was made by their parents or guardians, but the warrant (reciting such application) issued in the name of the minor—In a certain case the warrant issued on the 27th of March 1718, was renewed the 24th of August 1719, and, although no further renewals are found, the certificate was returned, and patent issued, as late as the year 1732, when the minor had probably come to age; so that the ordinary rule for the execution of warrants seems to have been dispensed with—

The most frequent proceeding in respect to orphans was the forbidding resurveys by which their interests might be affected:—Another was the accepting of rents due on their lands notwithstanding any lapse of time in tendering payment, thereby exempting them from the general consequence of delay; and there are some instances of grants to orphans upon titles which might be considered doubtful. A few cases are here selected to exemplify the proceedings in this particular.

“ Mary Tilghman widow, and Richard Tilghman, her son, aged eleven years by their petition set forth that the said Richard is possessed, by grants (to his ancestors) of several tracts of land, which, by reason of his non-age, he is not in a capacity to have surveyed in order to discover if there be any surplusage within his bounds, and that some persons have endeavoured to take up land within the same, without