

which he ought, by his lordship's condition of plantation, to have taken a grant of the said land) to be elapsed."

1st UPPER HOUSE JOURNAL, commencing 1657—fol. 53.

" Robert Dunn, by his petition to the upper house of assembly, (on the 20th of September, 1664,) sets forth that about twelve months past, John Hood made a survey near to the wading place to the Isle of Kent, on the Eastern Shore, the certificate of which was delivered to Philip Calvert, Esq. secretary, but in the subsequent disturbances of the province had been lost, and that Hood dying, another person had surveyed the land and obtained a patent therefor. He prays that the said patent may be made void, and that the orphan heir of Hood may have patent according to the original survey. The following is the proceeding of the house on this petition :

" There appearing nothing upon record which may evidence the claim of the petitioner to the land, this house think it inconvenient to question a patent under the great seal, upon bare affidavits, but that notwithstanding the petitioner may have the benefit of the rights upon which the land was taken up."

1st UPPER HOUSE JOURNAL, commencing 1657—fol. 79.

" On considering the petition of Ignatius Causin, to be naturalized, it appeared that he was the son of Nicholas Causin, a subject of the crown of France, and born at the house of his said father of an English mother; that the lands claimed by the said Nicholas were only surveyed in his lifetime, and patented since his death by the petitioner: whereupon the house declares that the said Ignatius is by his lordship's charter a free denizen of the kingdom of England, and by consequence, as to his person, needs no naturalization, being born here; and, as to the lands, said to descend from the father, the house declares, that the certificate of survey was only a *chattel real*, of which the petitioner's mother, an English woman, was seized, and which she made over to the said Ignatius, in right of which he obtained an original grant from the proprietary, and so holds nothing by descent from his father, but is, to all intents and purposes, one of the natural born people of the province, and has as much security for his lands as any other person, or as the proprietary can grant."

1st UPPER HOUSE JOURNAL, commencing 1657—fol. 190.

" 22d May, 1674.

" After a full recital of a certificate, dated the 17th September, 1662, and commencing in the following words, viz: " Laid out for William Battin, of this province, planter, a tract of land lying in Charles county, called Battin's Dales,