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Bissett, deceased, and Ann his wife, the said complainant, for a valuable consideration in law, conveyed the right, property, inheritance, and fee simple of the above directed lands to the aforesaid Robert Stokes, and his heirs and assigns forever; as the lease for one year so as to give the possession duly signed, sealed and delivered upon the twenty-eighth day of November, A. D. seventeen hundred and fifty-five, in presence of William Dallam and John Matthews, more fully bears; which lease bears endorsed a receipt of five shillings sterling as the consideration money therein mentioned, witness William Dallam, and a certificate of the acknowledgment and private examination of the said Ann Bissett, in these words; Baltimore county, December the second, seventeen hundred and fifty-five, came before us the subscribers, two of his Lordship's justices of the peace for Baltimore county, the within named David Bissett and Ann his wife, and Robert Stokes, and the said David Bissett and Ann his wife, severally acknowledged the within instrument of writing to be their act and deed, and the lands and premises therein mentioned, with their appurtenances, to be the right and estate of the within mentioned Robert Stokes, his heirs and assigns forever, according to the true intent and meaning of the same writing; and the said Ann being by us examined privately, out of the hearing of her said husband, and privately and out of his hearing declare, that she made the above acknowledgment willingly and freely, and without being induced thereto by fears, or threats of, or ill usage by her said husband, or through fear of his displeasure, signed, William Smith, John Hall. And bears also the clerk's receipt, endorsed, certifying the whole to be regularly recorded; and which deed of release is signed, sealed, and delivered by the said parties, the twenty-ninth day of November, A. D. seventeen hundred and fifty-five, in presence of William Dallam and John Matthews, bears endorsed, of the same date, a receipt of five hundred pounds sterling, as the consideration money therein mentioned, witness, William Dallam; and a certificate of the acknowledgment and private examination of the said Ann Bissett, the complainant, in these words; Baltimore county, on the second day of December, A. D. seventeen hundred and fifty-five; came before us, the subscribers, two of his Lordship's justices of the peace for Baltimore county, the within named David Bissett and Ann his wife, and severally acknowledged the within instrument of writing to be their act and deed; and the lands and premises therein mentioned, with their appurtenances, to be the right and estate of the within named Robert Stokes, his heirs and assigns forever, according to the true intent and meaning of the same writing; and the said Ann, being, by us, examined privately out of the hearing of her said husband, declared, that she made the above acknowledgment willingly and freely, and without being induced thereto by fears or threats of, or ill usage from her said husband, or through fear of his displeasure, signed, William Smith, John Hall; bears also a receipt for the alienation fine, dated the sixth day of December, A. D. seventeen hundred and fifty-five; and the clerk's certificate, both endorsed, for the regular recording of the whole; and the said Robert Stokes, by deeds of lease and release, reconveyed the right, property and inheritance, and fee simple of the said several tracts or parcels of land, to the said David Bissett, his heirs and assigns forever; which deeds of lease and release by the said Robert Stokes, are severally regularly executed, acknowledged and recorded, and the alienation fine paid in time, as in the said several deeds of lease and release above recited and mentioned also in the said bill of complaint, relation being had to each of them, and here into court brought, ready to be produced, if called upon, at more length and more fully is contained.