

Said Compt and his heirs for ever against the said Robert Atkinson and his heirs for ever according to the true intent and meaning of the said bargain and agreement, and that process of subpoena might without his Award against the said Defend to appear and to Chuse and make of all singular the points, the w^{ch} being granted, and Wee being informed that the said law was so weak, and the said Robert a tender infant that they could not travel to our said Court to answer the said bill without great Danger of their health, Wee therefore considering their condition, and Deposing special trust and confidence in the fidelity of James Ringold of Kent County gentl. Wee gave him full power & authority diligently to examine the said Samuel and Robert upon y^e matter of the said bill (having first examined the said Robert if he did bet and chuse the said Samuel to be his Guardian to Chuse for him, With power to the said James, the said Samuel if chosen by the said Robert to be his Guardian to admit, and the said Samuel and Robert to the matter of the said bill upon the Oath of the said Sam^l upon the holy Evangelists, that he should diligently examine, and the answer of the said Sam^l and Robert by the said Samuel his Guardian that he should receive, and reduce the same into Writing, and the same find loud in our Court of Chancery without delay, And now here at this day to wit the seventh day of October in the fourth year of our Dominion over our said Province James Douglas 1699 the said James Ringold made returne of our said Commission to him directed. loud in our Court of Chancery close filed up, the said Commission, the said Commission being indorsed that the execution thereof appeared in a certain answer thereto annexed, And under the said answer to the said Commission annexed the said James Ringold certified that the eight and twentieth day of September 1699 personally appeared before him the Defendant Robert Atkinson and for the Defendant said Tovey to be his Guardian to defend that suit, and the said Defend Sam for himself, and as Guardian to the said Robert being duly sworn upon the holy Evangelists before him, the said Defend^t answered and say that they believed it to be true that the said Vincent Atkinson in the said bill named and Hannah his wife in Right of the said Hannah were in their life times seised in their Demesne as of free soil and in all that tract of land called Colchester, Lyng in Salbott County formerly known in Kent County containing by estimation one thousand acres, and that being forced it may be true that they the said Vincent and Hannah did for the consideration of the sume of some thousand pounds of Tobacco to be paid by the Complainant about the time in the bill for that purpose in record, contract and agree to sell and convey said land to the Complainant his heirs and assigns for ever, in such manner & form as in the said bill is set forth, and it may be true the said Compt did pay unto the said Vincent Atkinson some part of the consideration for the said Land, But whether hee paid the sume of seven thousand pounds

James Ringold

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