

payment of the debt the Comptroler to pay the same and to avoid Law
suits was forced to sell some of his Negroes at under rate to pay the
same and yet they could not procure the said Oceans to give the
Comptroler any security for payment of what he was indebted to the
estate of Braynes nor could they get him to make to the Comptroler
any better Surreynours of the moiety of all his Land given upon
their marriage as aforesaid, nor did the Comptroler much trouble
himself about the same being informed by those advised in
the Law that they had a good title in the said moiety by virtue
of the said writing in frank marriage being made in Consider-
ation of marriage then which not Consideration greater in
Law nor did the Comptroler doubt but that the said John Oceans
in Consideration of the promise and his great debt to the Comptroler
as aforesaid besides Tobacco and Goods belonging to the estate
of Braynes worth of part. Brand to the sum of 4000 of Tobacco
and 431 of Tobacco pipes, Gold and Silver and three barrels of
Guns but him would sell all his Land (as he had often
promised) on the Comptroler and their heirs for ever after the death
of him the said John Oceans, and so knowing the low condition of
the said Oceans through his own ill husbandry they were loath
to put him trouble being their father he being otherwise like
to come into trouble about 12000 of Tobacco to Gold and
Philip Lynne ~~and to the same~~ and the said John Oceans being in
great straight to pay the debt to say and Lynne he came to the Comptroler
and owning himself Debt as aforesaid to them which he could not pay
he desired the Comptroler to pay say and Lynne which if the said Oceans
would do and allow him a competent maintenance during his life
he would make over to the Comptroler the residue of all his Goods Land &
 Chattels he having given them one half as aforesaid, And they further
showed that the said Oceans being already indebted to the Comptroler and
Braynes estate more than his whole estate was worth and not knowing
otherwise how to secure the same and not knowing but he might
have proceeded from his Daughter and some discharge as to Braynes
estate and to keep peace and unity the Comptroler consented to pay say
and Lynne for the doing whereof and to supply the necessity of his
family he was forced to sell the rest of his Negroes. Whereupon the said
John Oceans by his Indenture dated the 28th day of April An^{no} D^{omi}ni 1683
in Consideration that the said Comptroler should maintain the said Oceans during
his life and pay the say and Lynne and other considerations him
moving the said John Oceans did give Grant Bargain and Sell to the
Comptroler and the heirs of their bodies for ever the half of Oceans purchase
being 700 acres in the whole butted and bounded as in the Bill is mentioned
that is to say the moiety of the 700 acres which he had adjoining to the
Land of Mr. Handers and in default of him to the Comptroler and
for life Remains to John Oceans and his heirs for ever. And he did also
by another Deed of the same Date Grant in the same manner the
Land called Jericho which two last Deeds were the same day acknow-
ledged before two Justices according to the Law by virtue of which
Deeds and the writing made before marriage the said Comptroler
(as they were advised) and Oceans did also advise them) the said Comptroler
rightfully intituled to one moiety of Land purchase and all other the
said Oceans Land in the said proviso to the use of the said Comptroler
and their heirs for ever according to the true intent and meaning
of the said writing and memorand^m of Land in the other moiety
of Land purchase and the two hundred and fifty acres called Jericho