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At a Court of Chancery at Annapolis Octob^{r} 15th Anno Dom 1702

Present y^{e} Hon^{ble} Sir Thos Lawrence Kn^{t} Pres^{t} & Keep^{r} of y^{e} great Seal
Coll John Hammond &
Robert Smith Esq^{rs} both of y^{e} Council & Justices

Causes
John Coad Junr ——— Bill exhib^{d} & Special & Depos^{ns} pleaded
ag^{t}
Giles Hill & Elizab his wife Relict
Exec^{x} of Justinian Dodson

Decree

Whereas heretofore y^{t} is to say on y^{e} 29th day of Nov^{r} Anno Dom 1700 John Coad of St Maries County Planter did by his bill of Complaint to y^{e} high Court of Chancery exhibited manifest & shew y^{t} Justinian Dodson late of y^{e} County & Elizabeth his wife did by a certain deed dated Ann Dom 1696 (for divers Considerations in y^{e} s^{d} bill expressed) bargain sell enfeoff & confirm unto y^{e} s^{d} Coad & his heirs & assigns forever all y^{t} plantation & tract of land scituate near Wiccomoco River with y^{e} house orchard & thereto belonging bounded with y^{e} land purchased by Rich^{d} Hopkins deceased from Tho Gerard Esq^{r} & each branch as by a certain Conveyance deed, relation had by Wiccomoco & each branch as by a certain Conveyance dated in May 1667 from y^{e} s^{d} Gerard to y^{e} Father of y^{e} s^{d} Dodson & by y^{e} s^{d} Fathers will bequeathing y^{e} same to y^{e} s^{d} Dodson doth appear And y^{t} together with y^{e} Original Conveyance thereof y^{e} Land aforesay by turf and sod was delivered into y^{e} possession of y^{e} s^{d} Jus Coad by s^{d} Dodson & wife And also y^{t} y^{e} s^{d} Dodson & wife for y^{e} reasons aforesay did promise to acknowledge y^{e} same in open Court: But y^{t} y^{e} s^{d} Dodson died before he had so acknowledged y^{e} deed aforesay & after his death one Giles Hill who intermarried with y^{e} Relict widow of y^{e} s^{d} Dodson did retain y^{e} possession of y^{e} Land aforesay & hath with his s^{d} wife entered upon y^{e} same And whereas y^{e} s^{d} Jus Coad for want of a legall Acknowledgm^{t} of y^{e} deed aforesay could not eject y^{e} s^{d} Hill & wife & therefore by his bill aforesay to be relieved in Equity Therefore y^{e} Court of Chancery upon hearing y^{e} s^{d} bill & Answer & y^{e} s^{d} Coads Replication thereto, read & y^{e} Cause debated by y^{e} Council^{rs} for both y^{e} Compl^{t} & duely considered upon this 15th day of Octob Ann Dom 1702 order & decree That y^{e} s^{d} Compl^{t} Coad his heirs & Assigns forever shall have hold possess & quietly enjoy y^{e} s^{d} Land plantation orchard houses &c. in y^{e} s^{d} bill aforenamed according to y^{e} tenor of y^{e} deed aforesay tho^{s} it was not acknowledged by y^{e} s^{d} Dodson & wife And y^{t} y^{e} s^{d} Deft Hill shall pay to y^{e} s^{d} Coad all his Costs and Charges in this Cause laid out & expended being three thousand three hundred pounds of Tobacco

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