

faiende or power may be sued fourth and prosecuted to Recover the Right and possession of any such Slave or Slaves. - PROVIDED and be it Enacted that when any person dies Intestate leaving Several Children in that Case all the Slaves of such person (except the widdow's dower which is to be first set apart) shall be Inventoried and appraised and the Value thereof shall be Equally divided amongst all the said Children and the severall proportions according to such valuation and appraisment shall be paid by the heir (to whom the said Slaves shall descend by vertue of this act) unto all and Every the other said Children and thereupon it shall be Lawfull for the said other Children and Every of them and their Executors or adors. as the Case shall be to Commence and prosecute an action upon the Case at the Common Law against such heir his heirs Executors and Administrators for the Recovery of their said Severall proportions Respectively. -

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that if any widdow seized of any such slave or Slaves as if as of the dower of her husband shall send or voluntarily permit to be sent out of this Colony and Dominion such Slave or Slaves or any of their Increase without the Lawfull Consent of him or her in Reversion such widdow shall forfeit all and Every such Slave or Slaves and all other the dower which she holds of the Endowment of her husband's Estate unto the person or persons that shall have the Reversion thereof of any Law Custome or usage to the contrary notwithstanding and if any widdow seized as aforesaid shall be married to an husband who shall send or voluntarily permit to be sent out of this Colony and Dominion any such slave or Slaves or any of their Increase without the Consent of him or her in Reversion in such Case it shall be Lawfull for him or her in Reversion to Enter into possession and Enjoy all the Estate which such husband holdeth in Right of his wifes dower for and during the Life of the said husband.

Att a generall assembly begun and hold at Williams Burgh the first day of february in the first Year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c. and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Twenty seven before the Honourable William Gooch Esq. his Majesties Lieutenant Governour and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

An Act to Explain and

Amend the Act for Declaring the Negro Mollatto and Indian Slaves within this Dominion to be Real Estate and part of our other Act Intituled an Act for the Distribution of Intestate Estates ~~reserving widdows rights to their dead husbands estates and for securing negroes estates~~ **Whereas** the Act made in the fourth year of the Reigne of the Late Queen Ann Declaring the Negro Mollatto and Indian Slaves within this Dominion to be Real Estate hath been found by Experience very Beneficial for the preservation and Improvement of Estates in this Colony yet many Mischiefs have arisen from the various Constructions and contrary Judgments and Opinions which have been made and given thereupon whereby many people have been involved in Law suits and Controversies which are still like to Increase for Remedy whereof and to the End the said Act may be fully and clearly Explained and amended

Be it Enacted by the Lieutenant

Governour Counsel and Burgesses of this present General Assembly and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same that the said Act shall hereafter be construed and the True Intent and Meaning thereof is hereby Declared to be in the severall Cases herein after mentioned as the same is herein after Expressed and Declared and not otherwise that is to say