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The Absolute property of such Slave or Slaves to the person or persons to whom such Remainder hath been Limited and no otherwise —

And Whereas the True Design of the said Act and the policy thereof was and is to preserve Slaves for the use and benefit of such persons to whom Lands and Tenements shall descend be given or Devised for the better Improvement of the same which cannot be done according to the custom and Method of Improving Estates in this Colony without Slaves and therefore it may be very advantageous to Estates to Establish a Method for Settling Slaves and their Increase so as they may go and Descend with Lands and Tenements to which and Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever by Deed Executed in his or their Lifetimes or by his or their Last Will and Testament wherein any Lands and Tenements shall hereafter be Settled Conveyed or Devised in Fee Tail or for Life or Lives to settle Convey or Devise any Slave or Slaves and in such Deed or Last Will to declare that such Slave or Slaves and their Increase so long as any of them shall be living shall descend pass and go as part of the freehold to such person or persons to whom such Lands and Tenements shall be so Conveyed or Devised and to whom the same shall from time to time Descend or come and such Declaration shall be good and Effectual in Law to Annex such Slave or Slaves to the freehold and Inheritance of such Lands and Tenements and they and their Increase so long as any of them shall be living shall descend pass and go in possession reversion and Remainder with such Lands and Tenements or where any person shall by his Deed Executed in his Lifetime or by his Last Will and Testament in Writing settle Convey or Devise any Lands and Tenements in Fee Tail or for Life or Lives and shall in the same Deed or Will settle Convey or Devise any Slave or Slaves with the same Limitations or Limitations with which such Lands and Tenements shall be so Settled Conveyed or Devised such Limitation or Limitations shall amount to a Declaration of the Intent of the party Settling Conveying or Devising the same that the same should be Annexed to such Lands and Tenements and shall Descend pass and go therewith from time to time as aforesaid.

And Where any person or person now are hereafter shall be seized of Lands or Tenements in Fee Tail it shall and may be lawful for such person or persons by Deed Executed in his or their Lifetimes or by his or their Last Will and Testament to Annex to the same Lands and Tenements all or any Slave or Slaves which such Tenant in Tail shall during such his Estate purchase Acquire or be possessed of and to Declare that such Slave or Slaves and their Increase so long as any of them shall be living shall descend pass and go in Possession reversion or Remainder as part of the freehold under the like Limitation or Limitations with which such Lands or Tenements are or have been Settled Conveyed or Devised and such Declaration shall be as Effectual to Annex the said Slave or Slaves and their Increase to such Lands and Tenements as if the same had been Settled Conveyed or Devised by the same Deed or Will whereby the Estate in the said Lands and Tenements was at first made and created —