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bound then prescribed to Smith and bound the said
several Tracts of Land and also the Surveyors their
- selves so appointed were too often both very Ignor-
- ant and Negligent in performing their Duty
- therein and also forasmuch as the bounds were by
- them formerly bounded for very many of the said
- former Surveyors are dead and so far lost and forgot-
- ten that no remains or Memory are left of the same
- and the other boundaries either of the bays, Rivers
- creeks or branches as also of Courses and Distances
- so darkly and Unskillfully Express that many
- great Controversies and Suits have been and are
- daily mov'd thereupon and no certain Method
- as yett being prescribed for the speedy Determina-
- tion thereof but a course all upon Law and Equity
- by Judges in the Provinciall Court which Judges
- having never had any View of the Lands in debate
- as to be made sensible of the true Situation
- of them whereby the true Intent and Meaning of
- the said and Unskillfull Expressions of the said
- Surveyors are the better to be understood / cannot
- possibly give a just Verdict thereupon which Oc-
- casions most Common and frequent Appeals to
- the Superior Courts and thus additional Charges
- thereby arising In supportable to the Subscri-
- bants of this province especially the poorer sort.