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afterwards in the year 1671 in consideration of the sume
of ten thousand pounds of Tobacco to him paid in hand
by Matthew Ward Gentleman Covenant grant and
agreed to and with the said Matthew Ward then af
ter to sell a figure and lett over unto the said Matthew
Ward his heirs and assigns for ever the said plan
tation and promised aforesaid free from all incum
brances and putt the said Matthew in the full &
peaceable possession thereof By virtue whereof the
said Matthew Ward became possessed thereof and to
the equitable Right in and to the same in fee simple
But before such Deeds appeared thereof as afore
said were made he the said Thomas Carleton dyed
leaving an Infant heire and the said Originall
Deed from Beckwith and the said Release from the
said Traverser and Swanston to the said Prousbie
and the Deed from the said Prousbie to the said
Carleton are all lost so that there is no possibility to
make your Petitioner any estate of the Premises
which are by the said Matthew Ward by his last will
and Testament devised to your Petitioner and her
heirs without the assistance of your Honours by
an act of Assembly thereby to enable her to dispose
of the same for payment of her husbands debts &
particularly of the sume of three thousand pounds
of Tobacco which is still remaining behind & unpaid
of the purchase money from the said Carleton to him
the said Prousbie which she is content to pay That
the Witnesses to prove the premises are the said
Christopher Prousbie and Robert Carville two of the
members of the lower house of Assembly Your Peti
therefore humbly prayes that it may be enacted
And Be it enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord
Proprietary by and with the advice and consent
of the upper and lower houses of this present Genl^l
Assembly and the authority of the same That the
said Mary Ward paying unto the said Christopher
Prousbie the said sume of three thousand pounds
of Tobacco due as aforesaid shall and may and is by
this present act. Enabled to hold and enjoy the said
plantation and premises aforesaid called further
Mech with their appertinances to her and her heirs
forever against all manner of persons whatsoever
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