

on the twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord
 one thousand six hundred ninety seven made his last will &
 Testament in writing and thereby gave unto his first son
 Joseph Harris and to his fourth son Benjamin Harris all that
 Tract of Land lying in Talbot County called by the name of
 Branchford S^r Michael's to be equally divided between them
 and to their heirs Lawfully Issued of their own bodies and
 if it should happen that the said Joseph should dye without such
 an heir then the said Benjamin to have the said Tract of Land
 otherwise if the said Benjamin should dye leaving no such heir then
 the said Joseph to have the said Tract of Land but in case they both dye
 without heirs to fall to the next heirs at Law by which bequest
 the said Joseph and Benjamin are possessor of an Estate Mayled on
 them and the heirs of their bodies. and forasmuch as it doth not seem
 with the Inclination and Convenience of the said Joseph and
 Benjamin to sell & Live upon the said Land they have humbly
 supplicated this Generall Assembly that Leave might be given
 them to sell the said Tract of Land and with the money thereby
 arising to purchase other Lands subject to the same Use in and by
 the said Last will & Testament of the said W^m Harris Limited &
 appointed which being thought Reasonable.

But therefore Enacted by the Queens
 most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice & consent of the
 Maj^{ty} Governour Council & Assembly of this province and the
 authority of the same that Richard Johns John Hance & George
 Harris of Calvert County aforesaid or any two of them together
 with the said Joseph and Benjamin Harris shall be and are
 hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of the said
 Tract of Land lying in Talbot County aforesaid called Branchford
 S^r Michael's to the best purchaser or purchasers or sum of them
 that will give most for the same and by the value of the said