

Acte Confirming the title of the Land therein mentioned.

Holland Richard Harrison and Samuel Crew

Whereas Colonel Wm. Holland Richard Harrison and Samuel Crew have appeared to the Generall Assembly of this province that they had purchased by their Trustees and agents John Hyde and Isaac Millner of the City of London in the Kingdom of England Merchants to purchase for them certain Lands in Calvert County called Abington manor and Doudall containing about two thousand acres (more or less) late the Lands of John Abington heretofore a Merchant in this province deceased that the said John Hyde and Isaac Millner in pursuance of the said Col. Wm. Holland Richard Harrison and Samuel Crews directions in reference to the said purchase proceeded so far therein as to purchase from Miriell Abington the Heiress at Law of the said John Abington by Vertue of a decree for that purpose made in the high Court of Chancery in the said Kingdom of England the Lands aforesaid in order to be by them conveyed to the said Col. William Holland Richard Harrison and Samuel Crew in the proportions by them agreed upon that the said John and Isaac have accordingly conveyed the same to Richard Harrison and Seth Biggs deceased in order to be by them further conveyed and settled according to the said Colonel William Holland Richard Harrison and Samuel Crews agreement between themselves which is now done by the said Richard Harrison the said Biggs being dead that the said Hyde and Millner being not so conversant with what our Law in this province requires in order to the passing of Lands from one person to another omitted the getting the said Miriell Abingtons acknowledgment of the said Lands as our Law requires in such Cases and the said Miriell being since dead so that her acknowledgment cannot now be had nor any other way devised how that defect in the said Col. Wm. Holland Rich. Harrison and Samuel Crews title to the said Lands may be helped but by an act of Assembly to confirm their Right who have actually paid a valuable consideration for the said Lands. Wherefore the said Col. Wm. Holland Richard Harrison and Samuel Crew prayed relief in the premises from the Generall Assembly and in Order thereunto that an act might pass in their favour to supply the defect of the said Miriell Abingtons acknowledgment of the deeds by her executed to the said John Hyde and Isaac Millner which was thought reasonable to be allowed.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of her majestys Council and Assembly of this province and the Authority of the same that the said Lands called Abington Manor and Doudall be and stand confirmed unto the said Col. Wm. Holland Richard Harrison and Samuel Crew and their heirs according to the divisions made between them thereof and with such Estates therein as the said Richard Harrison by deed in date between him and the said Colonel Wm. Holland and Samuel Crew made bearing date the Twentieth day of June one thousand seven hundred and nine has devised and expressed the said want of the acknowledgment of the said Miriell Abington in any wise notwithstanding

provided that this act nor anything therein contained shall extend or be to extend to debar the heir or heirs at Law of the said Miriell Abington her or their Right of in and to the Lands in the said Recited deeds mentioned.