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made it plainly appear to this present General Assembly that
he hath paid the said Wm. in his lifetime thirty pounds and part of the
said money of the said land and that he has sufficiently secured the
payment of the residue and is ready to pay the same upon having
the said land made sure to him from the said Wm. and his heirs and
the said Wm. dyed before he made over or conveyed the said
land unto the said Josiah his heirs or assigns according to the tenor
of their agreement and he has therefore humbly prayed that an Act
may pass in his favour to confirm unto him his heirs and assigns
the said land in as full and ample manner as if the said Wm. in his
lifetime had conveyed the same unto the said Josiah his heirs or
assigns forever according to the form of the act of Assembly of
this province for quieting possessions Enrolling conveyances and
Securing the Estates of Orphans, and forasmuch as the Guardian
of the Orphans of the said Wm. Crouch upon his Examination has
declared that the said Wm. in his lifetime had purchased other lands
more convenient for his Children upon the western Shore of this
province with the money that he had received from the said Josiah
and that it would be much to the detriment of the said Orphans that
the said land should not be confirmed according to the said Josiah's prayer
but that for want thereof the Estates their Father has left them should
be subjected to the penalty of the said Act and for that the said Josiah
has made manifest the truth of all and singular the premises, It is
therefore humbly prayed that it may be enacted
And be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and
with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's President Council and
Assembly of this province and the authority of the same that it shall
and may be lawful for the said Josiah Crouch his heirs and assigns
at all times hereafter by virtue of this act to have hold use occupy
possess and enjoy the said tract or parcel of land called Wilson
to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Josiah his heirs and
assigns in as full and ample manner and with as complete an
estate therein to all intents constructions and purposes as if the said
William Crouch in his lifetime had granted conveyed assigned or made
over his moiety or half part thereof unto the said Josiah his heirs
and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said Josiah
Crouch his heirs and assigns according to the tenor of the aforesaid