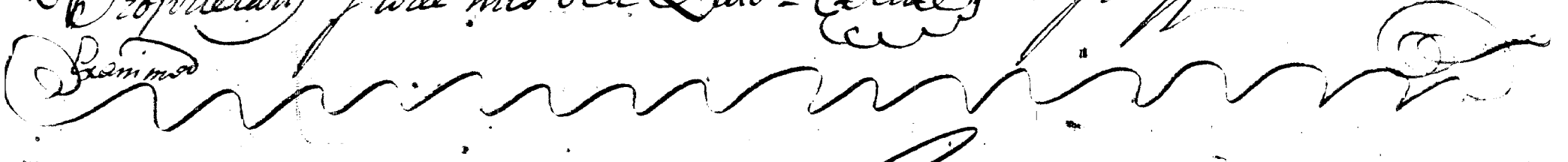


pounds four Shilling one penny current money of this province. and from the said *Col Smithson's* Estate to the freeholders shall at all times hereafter by virtue of this act be adjudged and before all Judges and in all courts within this province be Demanded and taken as a Debt of as high a Nature as any other debt or demand whatsoever due from or to be demanded of the said *Col Smithson's* Estate. Debts Due there from to our Sovereign Lord the King or the right Heir the Lord Proprietor of this province only Excepted and reserved. And that the *Mary Smithson* for her relief &c. shall at all times hereafter to come by virtue of this act be Justified Saved and Indemnified for or by reason of & in the payment of the same debt to the rectors Governours and Visitors as to all persons whatsoever. Saving Excepting as to any Law Statute usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

June the 8: 1717 Read and Approved to by the Lower house of Assembly and signed by Order of the Upper house of Assembly. *John* the 8: 1717 Read and Approved to by the Lower house of Assembly and signed by Order of the Upper house of Assembly.

June the 8: 1717 On behalf of his Lordship the Right Honble the Lord Proprietary I will this be a Law. *Scale* *John*



Supplementary act to the act.

Relating to Servants & Slaves.

Whereas it may be of Very Dangerous Consequence to admit and allow as Evidence in Law in any of the Courts of Record or before any Magistrate within this province any Negroe or Mollatto Slave or free Negroe or Mollatto, born of a White woman during their servitude appointed by Law or any Indian Slave or free Indian Natives of this or the Neighbouring Provinces. Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honble the Lord proprietor by and with the advice and consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper and Lower houses of Assembly and by the Authority of the same That from and after the end of this present Session of Assembly no Negroe or Mollatto Slave free Negroe or Mollatto born of a White woman during his time of servitude by Law or any Indian Slave or free Indian Natives of this or the Neighbouring Provinces be admitted and received as good and valid Evidence in Law in any matter or thing whatsoever depending before any Court of record or before any Magistrate within this province whom any Christian white person is concerned. Yet nevertheless where other sufficient Evidence is wanting

(against)