

Couchfield, Originally Surveyed for one hundred and fifty acres, and marsh, Surveyed for thirty acres, and Howards Discovery, Surveyed for fifty acres, AND whereas the said Benjamin Howard Devisor as aforesaid hath petitioned this present Generall Assembly, that for as much as the said Three tracts of Land are in a manner Quite Cut Down and so much worn that they can be but of little or no use to his Children, he may have leave given to bring in a bill to enable him to sell the said Lands and to make and Confirm an Absolute Estate in fee Simple thereof to the purchaser, AND that in Lieu of the said Lands part of a tract of Land called Harbrough, containing One hundred & Seventy five acres, Yates his Inheritance, containing One hundred and Seventy acres, and Howards point, containing thirty seven acres, all in the possession of the said Benjamin wherein he had an Absolute Estate in fee Simple, may be Confirmed unto the said Benjamin for his Life and to the Lawfull begotten hoires of his body, for want of such hoires to goe to the next of Blood in the name, According to the true intent and meaning of the Deccasors will aforesaid in Relation to the Lands first above mentioned.

AND for as much as the truth of the Premises is Sufficiently Testified to this present Generall Assembly, AND also that the Lands last mentioned are of much more Value then those first above named, so that the Intent of the Devisor to Promote the Lawfull Issue of the said Benjamin, will in all Probability be more Effectually Complied with, by the Granting the said Petitioners Request, It is therefore humbly prayed that it may be Enacted, AND BE it Enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietor and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper and Lower houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the Same, that the said Benjamin Howard and the Lawfull begotten hoires of his body and the next of Blood in the name, shall from henceforth by Vertue of this Act, have the same Estate Right Title, and Interest of in and unto the aforementioned three severall tracts or parcels of Land being part of Harbrough, containing by Estimation One hundred and Seventy five acres, Yates's Inheritance, containing by Estimation one hundred and Seventy acres, and Howards point, containing by Estimation thirty seven acres, lying in Bal<sup>ty</sup> County in the possession of the said Benj<sup>am</sup> now being, as he or they should or Ought to have had in Case those Lands had been Devised in the same Manner, if Devisors Dwelling Plantation aforesaid and all the Lands thereunto adjoining are Devised by the said will, and in Case the said three last mentioned tracts had been Devised as aforesaid in lieu of the said Dwelling Plantation and Lands Adjoining.

AND be it Likewise Enacted that the said Benj<sup>am</sup> be hereby bested with an Absolute Estate of inheritance in fee Simple of in and unto the aforementioned three severall tracts or parcels of Land called Couchfield Howard