

Tract for Relief of John Beale of Charles County Gent<sup>r</sup> and Richard Beale adm<sup>r</sup>

Whereas Walter Bayne of Charles County Planter Deceased by  
 virtue of a warrant issued out of the Land Office the tenth day of  
 December Anno Domini Sixteen hundred Sixty three had Surveyed and  
 laid out for him a tract of Land lying in Charles County Call'd  
 Durham Containing Seven hundred and fifty Acres And afterward  
 to wit the seventh day of September Sixteen hundred Sixty Six Obtained  
 his Lordship the Right Honourable Cecilus late Lord Proprietor  
 of Noble Memory his Grant for the said Tract of Land under the Indenture  
 of Plantations then in force, which Tract of Land was by the said  
 Walter Bayne by his last will and Testament in Writing bearing date  
 the twelfth Day of April Sixteen hundred and Seventy and duly proved  
 given and devised unto his Daughter Eleanor an Infant in fee Simple and  
 shortly after died All which whereas after the death of the said Walter Bayne  
 and during the Minority of the said Eleanor it was Surmised in the  
 High Court of Chancery of this Province that the said Tract of Land  
 lay within parquish Manner reserved for his Lordship the Lord  
 Proprietor his Current use whereupon a Writ ~~quias~~ was issued out of the said  
 Court in the name of the right honourable Charles late Lord Proprietor of  
 Noble Memory Successor of the said Lord Cecilus returned the tenth  
 day of February Sixteen hundred Seventy three against the widow  
 and Heirs of the said Walter to appear in the said Court of Chancery to show  
 Cause why the said Grant should not be cancelled and vacated to which the  
 widow of the s<sup>d</sup> Walter is said to have appeared by one Matthew Hill  
 Atton in Law a person who by anything that appears <sup>was</sup> not learned  
 in the Law or in any wise capable or obliged to make any Defence  
 for the said Infant and who was so far from making any that he  
 delivered and surrendered the said Grant to be voided which was  
 accordingly Done. All the said widow imagining that the proceedings  
 in vacating the said Grant were irregular and unjustifiable and the suggestion  
 whereon the said Vocation was founded was true either through her  
 Ignorance in Business and legal Proceedings or instigated by