

5020 The year sixteen hundred and ninety two sold and conveyed the same to
said Hilton and the S. W. Hilton the fourth day of octob^r following sold
and conveyed the same to Lionel Copley Esq. Deed which Land for the better
security of paying the consideration was recovered by the said Copley to the
said Hilton with a clause or proviso of redemption upon payment of the
consideration money and the said Copley died in our ever memory
said Land whereupon the said Hilton brought an action of trespass and
ejectment for the same & recovered the possession thereof in the provincial
court in October sixteen hundred and ninety seven & afterwards by deed indented
and executed dated in December anno Dom. sixteen hundred and ninety
eight sold and conveyed the said Land to Peregrine Brown late of London
Merchant who for the better confirmation of his title thereto obtained a release
from the heir at law of the said Lionel Copley & afterwards sold and conveyed
a moiety thereof to one Thomas Robinson who some time afterwards died
considerably indebted to the said Peregrine Brown as evidently appeared to the
said General Assembly and Brown became very considerably indebted to
the Crown by several Bonds & being seized the said Land & Margarett his wife
with Joseph Brown son and heir of the said Peregrine towards satisfy-
ing the Money due to the Crown assigned over all the Lands of the said
Peregrine Brown in Maryland & all his other effects in trust to and for the
Crown whereby the Debt of the said Robinson to the said Peregrine Brown
became vested in the Crown & his Land subjected to the payment thereof
The Justices appointed to sell & Dispose of Browns Estate having fully
and amply authorized Maurice Birchfield Esq. Surveyor General of the Southern
District of America & Joseph Brown son & heir of the said Peregrine
Brown to sell and Dispose of the same by virtue whereof the said Birchfield
Brown on the eight day of June Seventeen hundred and Seventeen for and
on the behalf of the Crown set up the said Land to public sale and the
S. W. Bennett being the highest bidder purchased the same with the Negroes
& stock thereon for the sum of five hundred and fifty pounds sterling, AND
Whereas in the conveying the said Land from one person to another the
of the act of assembly for vesting possession & securing the right of
Purchasers have not been strictly pursued in having the several Deeds
& Conveyances herein before mentioned acknowledged and Recorded within
the time limited by that act, and that altho the Debt of the said
Robinson as Debtor to Brown is liable to be seized toward satisfying the
Crown in and of the said Browns effects yet that the usual course of Law
to charge the same hath not been taken by the Crown which and the Defects
in the Conveyances already mentioned may render the Estate of the said Richard
Bennett in the said Land disputable, wherefore it is most humbly prayed that to
avoid the same and to corroborate the said Bennetts purchase from the Crown
It may be enacted and ~~be~~ it enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord
Proprietary by & with the advice and Consent of his Excellency Governour
the upper and lower houses of assembly and by the authority of the same

(That)