

was seized in fee of a tract of land called Billingsley's Point lying in
 George's County in the province of Maryland and by the last will and testament
 bearing date the twenty first day of December Anno Domini One thousand six
 hundred and eighty one devised the same unto Margaret his sister for and to
 Margaret Burgh by the name of his sister Margaret in these words, "I do
 give and bequeath and it is my will and desire to give unto my sister Mar-
 garet a parcel of land lying and situate in Calypout River in Maryland and commonly
 called by the name of Billingsley's Point five hundred acres or thereabouts
 seven hundred acres and the same for to hold and enjoy in manner and wise as
 my other two sisters above and that in case that she dies without heirs begeth
 of her body that then the said five hundred acres to descend unto my said two
 sisters as above the same to be equally divided betwixt them and their heirs to
 hold as aforesaid and it is my will and desire that when any of my said sisters do
 fail in body of heirs of their body the longest liver and her heirs to enjoy all my
 said lands as above express and whereas also the said Margaret being her
 self to have a good title in the said lands having had five and living in virginia
 very remote from the land aforesaid about thirty odd years since agreed to sell the
 same unto a certain Thomas Holliday late of prince George's County aforesaid deceased
 and bound himself in a considerable penalty to convey the said lands to the said
 Holliday in fee simple and whereas also the said Margaret Jordan being very
 ancient and a widow and the next heirs of her the said Margaret Jordan to wit
 John Jordan the only son of the said Margaret, Martha Whitfield daughter of
 the said Margaret and Elizabeth Jordan the other of the daughters of the said
 Margaret are very desirous to have the said land conveyed in fee simple to the
 devisees of the said Thomas Holliday rather than to suffer any suit upon the
 bond as also to fulfill the agreement aforesaid and by their humble peti-
 -on have signified the same to this present Generall Assembly and also requir-
 -ed the same Generall Assembly to invest the said John Jordan only son of
 the said Margaret with a fee simple estate in the said five hundred acres of
 said with the appurtenances as also to empower him to make an absolute convey-
 -ance unto the said James Holliday son and devisees of the said Thomas Holliday
 according to the covenant and agreement aforesaid and whereas also the
 said John Jordan has entered into a bond of two hundred and forty pounds
 sterling to the said James Holliday with condition to make over to the said
 James Holliday such estate as the said James shall require in the said five hun-
 -dred acres of land with the appurtenances and whereas also the said Margaret
 Jordan John Jordan Martha Whitfield and Elizabeth Jordan further set forth
 their humble petition aforesaid that the forfeiture of the penalties aforesaid would
 be much greater than any benefit they can propose to reap from the said five
 hundred acres of land aforesaid or enjoyment of the same and whereas also
 Thomas Jordan and Elizabeth his wife and Mourning Cotton the other two
 sisters of the said George Billingsley mentioned in his will aforesaid by their deed
 of release bearing date the eighth day of August Anno Domini sixteen hundred
 and eighty seven for the consideration therein mentioned did give grant bargain
 sell and confirm unto the aforesaid Thomas Holliday and his heirs all their