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An Act to enable John Cowen and Mary his wife to sell in fee simple three hundred acres part of a tract of land called Waterford Notwithstanding the same is specially put under the heirs of the body of the said Mary by Benjamin Williams of Cumberland County

Whereas Benjamin Williams of Cumberland County by his indentured bearing date the eighth Day of August One thousand seven hundred and twenty two in Consideration of Gods Good Will and Affection Conveyed and Made over unto his Son in Law John Cowen and Mary his wife and to the heirs of the said Marys Body begotten by the said John a Certain Parcel of Land Originally granted the first day of May Eighteen hundred and Twenty Six unto William Jones for Right hundred Acres by the Name of Waterford And whereas it is Represented unto this Assembly by the said Benjamin Williams John and Mary Cowen of that thro a great Charge of Children Great Sickness and other Misfortunes the said John and Mary are much Impoverished and No Means where by they can hope to be relieved but by the Sale of part of the said Right hundred Acres which now will buy because the same is put under the said John is enabled by Law to sell in fee simple Notwithstanding the put under of And whereas this present General Assembly has taken the Premises into Consideration And have thought it reasonable to enable the said John to sell and Dispose of in fee simple three hundred Acres of the said Tract Notwithstanding the said of put under of

Be it Therefore enacted by the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietor by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that he the said John Cowen and Mary his wife shall be enabled and are hereby enabled to make Sale in fee by Deed or Deeds Indented after the usual and lawfull manner of Conveying Land to any Person or Persons whatsoever a Quantity of the said Tract not exceeding three hundred Acres And be it further enacted by the Authority of that such Person or Persons as shall buy by Deed or Deeds Indented as aforesaid shall have as good Estate in fee simple by virtue of such Sale as if the said John and Mary were seized in fee simple to them and their heirs for ever Notwithstanding the said of put under of all any Laws or Articles therein contained Provided that this Act or any thing therein contained shall not be construed to Make a better Estate to the said John Mary or to any Purchaser or Purchasers deriving under them by virtue of this Act than the said Benjamin Williams had at and before the making Indenting of the said of put under of - Saving to his Most Gracious Majesty his heirs and Successors and to the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietor his heirs and Successors and all other political and Corporals and all others Not mentioned in this Act their several and respective Rights

October the 20th 1724
Read and Reported to by the
Lower House of Assembly signed
J. B. W. & Co

November the 4th 1724
On behalf of the Right Honourable the
Lord Proprietor of this Province
I will this be a Sale
Che. Calvert

October the 20th 1724
Read and Reported to by the Upper
House of Assembly and signed
Samuel Shippen Clerk