

Considering that a Minor of Mr John Gerrard deceased, is Alleged to be Interested  
in the within Land.

Signed of Order John Beale C. Up: Ho:  
Mr Bordley from the Upper House delivers the Bill Empowering  
Commissioners Or Trustees to Sell the Lands and Estates of Coll<sup>d</sup> Smithson and Thomas Smithson  
Thus Endorsed Vitz

By the Upper House of Assembly  
April the 16<sup>th</sup> 1720

Upon Reading and Considering the within bill Wee find that you have reserved a right  
of Redemption to the Heir only and have excluded the several Doyfers whereas  
we are Opinion that the Doyfers ought to have the redemption of their respective  
Estates, And it being represented to us that Mary Wrighton Widow one of the Doyfers  
mentioned in the will of the within Thomas Smithson of Talbot County  
hath paid all the arrears of the Quic rents due to the Lord Proprietary  
for Land devised to her, Wee think it reasonable that if that Land be  
sold she should be again repaid so much Tobacco as she can make  
appear she has disbursd on that Occasion the Land being yet incult  
wated, and no benefit accruing to her by it, And we are likewise of  
Opinion that for as much as it appears that it was the Principall Design  
of the within Thomas Smithson of Talbot County, that the Chief of  
his Lands and Personal Estate should remain to the Parish of  
St Michaels in the said County and free Schools in this Pro-  
vince - Wee think that these Lands so devised ought not to be  
exposed to sale if the other Land and the remaining part of  
the personal Estate should be found sufficient to recompense the  
same - And we propose that Coll<sup>d</sup> Richard Diggleman be  
appointed Commissioner in the Room of Mr Duffille who  
was remote from the Land -

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The Question was put whether a Bill shall be brought in to continue  
the three pieces of Bill to the Governour in his Absence.

Carried in the Affirmative by the Majority of votes.

The Question was put whether it shall be for twelve months or  
until he shall be actually superseded which shall first happen  
or only for twelve months.

Carried Nemine Contradictante that it shall continue for  
twelve months or until his Excellency shall be actually superseded  
which shall first happen -

The house adjourns till one a Clock in the afternoon

(Postmeridiam)