

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of Elizabeth Williams, Administratrix of George Williams, with the Will annexed.

YOUR Committee, in Obedience to the Order of this Honourable House, have enquired into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and do find, that *George Williams* executed a Bond, in the Penalty of Five Hundred Eighty three Pounds Ten Shillings *Pennsylvania* Money, to *Robert Smith*, for the Conveyance of a Tract of Land, called *Williams's Discovery*, in *Baltimore* County, and of one other Tract of Land, called *Frankford*, and of Ten Acres of Land adjoining thereto, in said County, in Fee Simple to the said *Robert Smith*; and that the said *Robert Smith* executed Bonds to the said *George Williams*, one for the Payment of £. 100 15 0 *Pennsylvania* Money, and another for the Payment of £. 100 0 0 like Money; which Sums of Money were the Consideration for the Lands in the said Bond of Conveyance mentioned. That the said *George Williams* also executed a Bond, in the Penalty of Eight Hundred Pounds Current Money, to *Thomas Baly*, for the Conveyance of a Tract of Land, called *Milford*, and one other Tract, called *Williams's Neglect*, lying and being in *Queen Anne's* County, in Fee Simple to the said *Thomas Baly*; and that the said *Thomas Baly* executed Bonds to the said *George Williams*, one for the Payment of Two Hundred Pounds *Pennsylvania* Money, and another for the Payment of Two Hundred and Forty Pounds like Money, as a Consideration for the said Lands in the said Bond of Conveyance mentioned. That the said *George Williams* aforesaid died without executing the Conveyances according to his said several Contracts, and that considerable Sums of Money are due upon the Bonds aforesaid, so as aforesaid executed to the said *George Williams*. That the said *George Williams* made his Will, and appointed the Petitioner and others Executors, as mentioned in the said Petition; which said Will was made at *Philadelphia*, and Letters of Administration there granted to *Jane, Eleanor, and Henry Williams*, and the Petitioner. That the Bonds aforesaid being Debts within this Province, Letters of Administration were granted, with the Will annexed, to the Petitioner alone, by and with the Consent of the several Persons aforesaid nominated as Executors. That the Heir at Law of the said *George Williams* is an Infant, within the Age of Twenty-one Years, and the said Administratrix is unable to coll at the Debts aforesaid, from a Want of Power to make Conveyances pursuant to the said several Contracts of the said *George Williams*.

Your Committee beg Leave to observe to this honourable House, that *Henry Williams* was found in Possession of the Tract of Land aforesaid, called *Milford*, in *Queen-Anne's* County; and in the Year 1757 executed the following Instrument of Writing to *George Williams*. In the Records of *Queen-Anne's* County is contained the following Instrument of Writing, to wit.

Queen-Anne's County, *ff.*

Number the twentieth Day, *Anno Domini* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Seven, the following Instrument was brought to be recorded, viz.

DUTY paid. }
B. Bondy, Cl. } KNOW all Men by these Presents, that I *Henry Williams*, of *Baltimore* County, and Province of *Maryland*, now being settled on Land and Mills, with Goods and Chattels, at my own Free Choice, (wherewith I am well contented) by my Father in Law *George Williams*, of *Cecil* County and Province aforesaid, have and do, in Consideration thereof, forever quit Claim, and invest on the said *George Williams*, his Heirs and Assigns forever, all and singular the Estate of my Father *Abraham Williams*, deceased, real and personal, except such Goods and Chattels as now is in my Hands in *Baltimore* County; and do hereby oblige myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators, to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver, all and every such Conveyances as the said *George Williams* or his Attorney learned in the Law, may, at their reasonable Request, devise or require. And I do constitute and appoint my Father *George Williams* my lawful Attorney, to sue for, levy and recover, as if I myself were personally present, and proper Discharge to make or give, of, in and concerning the Premises abovementioned, or touching all and every Thing or Things, Device or Devices, that have therefrom arisen or may hereafter, by any Ways or Means whatsoever, for his own proper Use, but at his own Cost and Charges; and for the true Performance and abiding hereby, I do hereby bind myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators, in the just Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Sterling Money of *Great-Britain*. In witness whereof, I do hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this Fifth Day of *August*, *Annoq. Domini* 1757.

Signed, sealed and delivered

HENRY WILLIAMS.

in the Presence of
 FRANCIS JENKINS, jun.
 F. THO. FRAZIER,
 his
 WILLIAM W JONES.
 Mark.

In Testimony that the above is a true Copy I hereto set my Hand, and affix the Seal of *Queen-Anne's* County aforesaid, this 29th Day of *October*, *Anno Domini* 1771.

R. TILGHMAN, Cl. *Queen-Anne's* County.

Your Committee beg Leave to inform this honourable House, that the Consideration of the aforesaid Instrument of Writing, was the Exchange of a Parcel of Land in *Baltimore* County, called *Milford*, which was held by Lease from the Lord Proprietary; upon which said Parcel of Land was erected, at the Time, a valuable Mill: That the said Instrument of Writing was passed before the Date of the Bond executed as aforesaid, by the said *George Williams* to the said *Thomas Baly*; and that the said *George Williams* derives his Title under the said Instrument