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Eight Acres of Land called Moors Inclining Choice, Four hundred and Seventy Nine Acres of Land called Dorsays Search, Seventy Nine Acres of Land called whitacres purchase with the appurtenances in Baltimore County And also of Eight hundred & Forty two Acres of Land called Hockley in the Hole, Forty five Acres of Land called Orphans addition & one hundred & Fifty Acres of Land being that part of a tract of Land called Howards Fancy where of the said Caleb Dorsey is now possessed with the appurtenances in Anne Arundell County as her Dower of the Endowments of the aforesaid John Dorsey her late husband &c. Quer. Pledges &c. John Doe Richd. Roe

And the said Caleb Dorsey by Thomas Macnemara his Attorney Comes & prays Leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court & he hath it & the same Day is given to the plaintiff Alles

At which said next Court (to wit) the 7th Day of October Anno Dni 1717 Come again the said parties plaintiff & Defendt by their Attorneys and the Defendt by his said Attorney prays further Leave to imparle hereunto until next Court & he hath it & the same Day is given to the plff Alles

At which said next Court to wit the 2d day of April Anno Dom 1718 Come again the said parties plff & Defendt by their Attorneys and the Defendt by his said Attorney prays further Leave to imparle hereunto until next Court & he hath it & the same Day is given to the plaintiff Alles

At which said next Court (to wit) the 15th Day of July Anno Dom 1718 Come again the said parties plff & Defendt by their Attorneys and the said Defendt by his said Attorney prays further Leave to imparle hereunto until next Court & he hath it & the same Day is given to the plff Alles

At which said next Court to wit the 16 Day of September Anno Dni 1718 Come again the said parties plaintiff & Defendt by their Attorneys & the said Defendant by his said Attorney Saith that the aforesaid Pleasance her Dower of the tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances whereof &c. of the Endowment of the aforesaid John Dorsey her late husband &c. ought not to have because he Saith that in an Act in the Assembly of our Soveraign Lady Anne by the Grace of God of Great Brittain &c. late Queen Defender of the faith &c. begun and held at Annapolis in Ann Arundell County within the province of Maryland the fifth day of September in the third Year of the said Queens Reigne & in the Year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred & four among other things it was ordained Enacted & established by authority of the same Assembly that whereas many men had bequeathed & devised or thereafter might bequeath and devise to their wives by their last wills a considerable part of their personal Estates intending no doubt but not expressing that such bequest or devise should be in full of such wives part portion or third part of the said testators Estate, and yet such wives widows and relicts had not only claimed such bequest and devise as Legacies but had further claimed their part of the remaining estate of their deceased husbands It was therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesd that in such case where the testator bequeaths and devises a Considerable part of his personal estate to his Wife and it appears not in any part of his Will or Codicill that he intended the said devise as a Legacy to his Wife only, And that She Might Nevertheless have her third part of this Remaining Estate, that it Should be at the Election of such Wife Widow or Relict within forty Days inclusive to make her Election before the Judge for probat of Wills or the respective Deputy & Commissary in (each)

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Each respective County whether She would be Content with such Devise or would have her third and Release the Devise and if She should make Choice to have what Should be so bequeathed or devised to her than by that Choice She Should be forever barred from claiming her third part aforesaid, and if She renounced what was so bequeathed and devised She should then have her third part aforesaid, and be barred of her devise but Should not Claim or have both Provided always that such part of the personal Estate or Estates Should be liable to pay the Debts of the Deced as other part of the Estate is or ought to be and if such Wife Widow or Relict Should have any part of her Husbands Land or real estate of Inheritance devised to her by her husband, and that it Should not appear by any part of the Will that he intended her such part of his real Estate aforesaid and her Dower out of the rest of his Real Estate besides, then it should be lawfull for such Wife Widow or relict to make her Elections as afores. within the time aforesd whether She would accept of such Devise or of the third part of all her husbands real Estate of which She Should be Endowable, and if She Should accept of her Devise She Should be forever debarred of her Dower out of the Rest of the testators Real Estate aforesaid and if She Should accept of her Dower then such acceptance Should be Reputed a full Recompence of her Devise and Land so devised as aforesaid to such Wife Widow or Relict Should be always intended to be but for life except it Should be expresly devised forever, or to such Woman and her Heirs or to such Woman and her Assigns And it was further Enacted by the Authority advice & Consent afores. that every Woman who Since the twenty Seventh day of June one thousand Six hundred and Ninety Nine having had any part of her husbands personal Estate given or devised to her by her husband in his Last Will & testament in Writing and having no part of her part of her Said husbands land or real estate devised to her shall by Such Bequeath and devise of any part of the personal Estate except so mentioned in Such Will or Codicill aforesaid be debarred of her Dower of his Land but that it Shall be Lawfull for her She might Notwithstanding the Said Act then Demand and Sue for her Dower and the Mean profits thereof if She had been defrauded contrary to the tenor of this act as in the Same act is more fully contained and further Saith that in an Act of Assembly of our Soveraigne Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King defender of the faith &c. begun and held at Annapolis in Anne Arundell County within the Province of Maryland the twenty Sixth day of April in the first year of the Reign of the aforesaid Lord the King Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred & fifteen among other things it was Enacted ordained and Established by authority of the Same Assembly that whereas many men had bequeathed & devised or thereafter might bequeath & devise to their Wives by their Last Wills a Considerable part of their personal Estates intending no doubt but not expressing that Such bequest or devise Should be in full of such Wives part portion or third part of the Testators Estate, and yet such Wives Widows and Relicts had not only claimed Such bequest & Devise as Legacies but had further claimed their part of the remaining Estate of their Deced husbands & it was further Enacted by the Authority afores. that in Such Case where the Testator Should bequeath or devise a Considerable part of his personal Estate to his Wife and it Should appear not in any part of his Will or Codicill that he intended the Said devise as a Legacy to his Wife only & that She might Nevertheless have a third part of his remaining Estate, that it Should be at the Election of his Wife Widow or Relict within forty Days after the probat of Such Will to make her Election before the Judge for probat of Wills or the respective Deputy Commissary in each respective County whether She would be Content with Such Devise or would have her third and Release the Devise and if She Should make Choice to have (what