Howards Luck aforesaid is of much more value than the moity or half part of Howards Timber neck aforesaid so as the intent of the devisor to promote the Lawful issue of the aforesaid Catherine and all others claiming under the q bequest aforesaid will in all probability be more effectually complyed with by granting the request of the said Orlando Griffith and Catherine his wife.

It is therefore humbly prayed that it may be enacted.

And be it 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 authority of the same that the said Catherine and the lawfull begotten Heirs of her body and for want of such heirs Benjamin Howard his Heirs and assigns for ever shall from hence forth by vertue of this Act have the same Estate Right and title and Interest of in and unto one hundred Acres of Land out of the vancancy added as aforesaid by the said Orlando Griffith to the aforesaid tract of Land called Howards Luck lying in Annedundel County in the possession of the said Orlando Griffith now being in she the said Catherine and her lawful begotten Heirs and the said Benjamin Howard his Heirs or Assigns should or ought to have had in Case the said one hundred acres of Land had been devised in the same manner that the devisor hath devised the aforesaid tract of Land called Howard's Timber Neck by his said Will and in Case the said one hundred Acres had been devised as aforesaid in Lieu of the said Catherine's Moiety or half part of Howards Timber Neck aforesaid.

And be it likewise Enacted by the Authority advice and consent aforesaid that the said Ornaldo Griffith and Catherine his wife be hereby vested with an absolute Estate of Inheritance in fee simple of in and unto the aforementioned moyety or half part of Howard's Timber Neck aforesaid given as aforesaid to the said Catherine and be as they hereby are enabled to convey an absolute estate in fee simple thereof to any purchasor or purchasors their heirs or Assigns in as full and ample manner as if the said Land had been devised to the said Catherine and her Heirs for ever by the will of the said devisor without any Limitation of Estate therein any thing in the said Will or any Law, Statute Usage, or Customs to the

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contrary notwithstanding saving his most sacred Majesty his Heirs and successors and to the right Honble the Lord Propry his Heirs and successors and all bodies politick and Corporate and all others not mentioned in this act their several and respective rights

October 30th 1725

Read and assented to by the lower House of Assembly and signed pr order. M. Senefer Clk Lo. Hou.

October 30th 1725

Read and assented to by the Upper House of Assembly and signed per Order Geo: Plater Clk. Up. Hou.

November 6th 1725. On behalf of the right Honorable the Lord Propry of this provence. I will this be a Law.

Great Seal in Wax appendant

Charles Calvert

In testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy from the Law records in the General Court Liber L. No. 5. Folios 72, 73 and seventy four I have hereto set my hand and seal of Office this twelfth day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three

Seal of the General Court Mr Sof Md

Thomas Brooke Hodgkin Cd

The Defendant also produced to the Court and offered to read in evidence to the Jury a deed from the said Orlando Griffith and Catherine his wife to the aforesaid Charles Ridgely husband of the said Rachel bearing date the 11th Septr 1726 which with the indorsements thereon follow in these words.

This Indenture made the 11th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty six between Orlando Griffith of Annedrundel County in the province of Maryland planter of the one party and Charles Ridgely of Baltimore County in the province aforesaid Planter of the other party, Witnesseth, that the said Orlando Griffith for and in consideration of the sum of forty eight pounds Current money of Maryland to him in hand paid before the ensealing and Delivery of these presents the receipt whereof and himself therewith to be fully satisfied contented and paid and the said Orlando Griffith doth hereby acquit exonerate and discharge him the said Charles Ridgely his Heirs and Assigns and every of them forever by these presents hath given granted bargained enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents doth give grant bargain sell of enfeoff and confirme unto the said Charles Ridgely his Heirs and Assignes forever one Moiety of that tract of Land called Timber Neck lying in Baltimore County on the North side of the Middle branch of Patapsco river containing two hundred acres of Land according to a certificate thereof taken and returned into