But the Court were of opinion that the said Deeds were sufficient in Law to pass the estate of the said Catherine Griffith to the said Charles Ridgely and directed the Jury accordingly.

To which opinion and direction of the Court the plaintiff by his Council prays leave to except according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided and prays that the Judges will put their seals to this bill of exceptions according to the form of the Statute in such cases made and provided.

Thomas Johnson (Seal)
Robert Goldsborough (Seal)

The Defendant, at the trial of this cause in support of the issue Joined thereon on his part offered in evidence to the Jury the deeds of Lease and release which follow in the words and figures, following, to wit,

This Indenture made this ninth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and seventy three. Between Catherine Griffith widow of Orlando Griffith and daughter and Devisee of John Howard of Anne Arundel County deceased of the one part and Charles Ridgely, son of John, of Baltimore County Gentleman of the other part witnesseth that the said Catherine Griffith for and in consideration of the sum of five shillings Current money to her in hand paid at and before the sealing of these presents the receipt whereof she doth hereby acknowledge and the said Charles Ridgely his Executors and Administrators doth for ever exonerate and acquit hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell unto him the said Charles Ridgely his Executors administrators and Assigns a certain tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being in Baltimore County called Timber Neck and on the North side of the Patapsco river and on a branch called the middle branch beginning at a bounded red Oak at the mouth of a small gutt that makes the outward narrows of a Neck of Land called the Island, running for breadth by a Line drawn North east and by East one hundred and fifty perches to a marked Oak and from the said Oak by a line drawn West north West two hundred and fourteen perches and from thence by a line drawn South West and by West one hundred and eighty perches then by a Line drawn East south east to the first bounded tree containing and laid out for two hundred Acres more or less and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits and of every part and parcel thereof to Have and to Hold the aforesaid tract of Land and premises with the appurtenances unto him the said Charles Ridgely his Executors administrators and Assigns from the day next before the day of the date of these presents unto the full end and term

Term of one year thence next ensuing fully to be complete and ended, To the intent and purpose that the said Charles Ridgely may be in the actual possession of the hereby bargained and sold land and premises with the appurtenances and may hereby and by force of the Statute for transferring uses into possession be enabled to take a grant and release of the reversion and Inheritance of the same land with the appurtenances to him and his Heirs to such uses intents and purposes as shall be therein specified and declared, In Witness whereof the said Catherine Griffith hath hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of

Catherine her mark Griffith (Seal)

John Dorsey
Thos. Dorsey

On the back of the aforegoing Deed was thus endorsed Viz.t

April 26th 1773 Received of Charles Ridgely, son of John the sum of five shillings Current money being the consideration within mentioned.

John Dorsey — Catherine her mark Griffith

On the twenty sixth day of April in the year 1773. Catherine Griffith party to the within Indenture acknowledged the same as her act and deed and the land and premises within mentioned to be the right and estate of the within named Charles Ridgely also party thereto his Executors administrators and Assigns according to the true intent and meaning of the within deed.

John Dorsey
Thomas Dorsey

Anne Arundel County, to wit,

I hereby certify to all whom it may or doth concern that Mr.s John Dorsey and Thomas Dorsey Gentlemen before whom the above acknowledgments appears to have been taken were at the time of the taking the same two of his Lordship the right Honorable the Lord proprietary's Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid and that to all acknowledgments so taken and by them signed full faith and credit is and ought to be given as well in Justice Court as thereout.

Seal of A.A. County Court

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, seal this 30th day of April Anno Domini 1773.

Jno. Brice Clk. A.A. Coty. Ct. Aps.

Recorded 27th day of April 1773.

This Indenture tripartite made this tenth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and seventy three. Between Orlando Griffith widow of Orlando Griffith and daughter and daughter and devisee of John Howard