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should occupy and live upon the same; a tract of land lying in Dorchester County, on the north side of Nanticoke River was laid out and described by certain boundaries in the said act mentioned, for the use of the Nanticoke indians under the proviso contained in the said act; and by another act made in the year 1723, entituled an act for quieting the possessions of the indian inhabitants on Nanticoke and Choptank Rivers the said land is confirmed to the said indians, and their descendants for and during such a space of time as they or any of them shall think fit to use, and shall not wholly and totally desert and quit claim to the same: And by another act of assembly made in the year 1711 entituled an act to impower commissioners to appoint and cause to be laid out three thousand acres of land, on Broad Creek in Somerset County for the use of the Nanticoke indians, so long as they shall occupy the same; a tract of land was directed to be surveyed and laid out for the use of the said indians so long as they should occupy the same, as by the said several acts will more at large appear. That in pursuance of the last recited act, two thousand five hundred acres of land, lying on Broad Creek in Somerset County, and five hundred acres lying on the south side of the said Broad Creek, were actually laid out and surveyed for the said indians; and were, by a jury summoned for that purpose, valued as follows: To wit, the two thousand five hundred acres at fifty thousand pounds of tobacco, and the five hundred acres at ten thousand pounds of tobacco, as by a certificate of the said survey and valuation, made in pursuance of the said act, and returned into the secretarys office and there recorded in liber T. P. folios 110, 111, 112 more fully appears. That by the journal of accounts of the assembly in October sessions in the year 1712, and by the journal of the committee appointed in that session for laying the public levy, it appears that the said several sums of fifty thousand, and ten thousand pounds of tobacco were allowed and assessed to and for the owners and proprietors of the said three thousand acres of land, and the further sum of eight thousand eight hundred and eighty pounds of tobacco, for improvements made on part of the said land, and for expences in surveying and valuing the said land &c.<sup>a</sup> was also levied and assessed. That it appears to your committee from the papers mentioned in his excellencys speech, which have been laid before your honorable house, that the heirs of col.<sup>o</sup> John Rider, late of Dorchester County deceased, do claim the quantity of one thousand six hundred and sixty four acres of land within the boundaries of the said tract laid out by virtue of the law made in 1704 as being surveyed and granted before the making of that act; and which ought, as they alledge, to revert to them whenever the said indians shall desert or leave the said lands, by virtue of the proviso in the said act contained; for which quantity of one thousand six hundred and sixty four acres of land, it does not appear to your