

follows Viz.^t That on the tenth Day of January in the year sixteen hundred forty two the then Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province granted the Lands in the said Petition mentioned unto a certain Thomas Weston of Plymouth in New England and his Heirs: That the said Thomas Weston died leaving Issue, Elizabeth Weston his only Child and Heir at Law: That the said Elizabeth Weston married a certain Roger Conant of New England by whom she had Issue John Conant her Son and Heir at Law. That afterwards on or about the fifteenth Day of March seventeen hundred and thirty six the said John Conant the Son and Heir of the said Roger Conant & Elizabeth his Wife by a Writing on the Grant aforesaid purporting to be an Assignment for the Consideration of the natural Love and Affection which he had for his Kinsman Josiah Conant of Mansfield in the County of Windham and Colony of Connecticut in New England and also for the further Consideration of One thousand Pounds New England Money made over the said Lands to the said Josiah Conant; which said Writing does not appear to have been executed: That afterwards on or about the fourteenth Day of May seventeen hundred and thirty six the said John Conant by Deed properly executed and acknowledged in New England for the Consideration of natural Love and Affection and also for the further Consideration of One thousand Pounds New England Money conveyed the same Lands to the said Josiah Conant and his Heirs; who, by Virtue thereof, was in Possession of the said Lands: That the said Josiah Conant on or about the 28.th and 29.th of September 1737 leased the said Land to several Persons for and during the Term of fourteen Years: That the said Josiah Conant did by Deed bearing Date on or about the 9.th of November 1745 and acknowledged in Boston the 11.th Day of November 1745 for the Consideration of £2950 Boston Money convey the same Lands unto a certain William Thornton of Ann Arundel County and his Heirs; but that the Acknowledgment on the said Deed of Conveyance is not agreeable to the Act of Assembly of this Province relative to the Inrollment of Conveyances; and on the same 9.th of November 1745 the said Josiah Conant assigned over the said Leases unto the said William Thornton: That the said William Thornton on the 5.th of September 1747 by Deed properly executed acknowledged and recorded for the Consideration of £428..11..6 Sterling conveyed the same Land to the Petitioner and his Heirs—That the said Abraham Barnes the Petitioner for about twenty Years past hath been and now is in the actual and sole Possession of the said Lands under and by Virtue of the Conveyance aforesaid from the said William Thornton: That it does not appear whether the said Josiah Conant is dead with or without Heirs. All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Honble House.

Signed per Order Ralph Dobinson Cl Com.

L. H. J.
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