being well Informed thereof and willing (as in good Reason and Conscience obliged) to see the Will of the Dead performed do pray that it may be Enacted. And be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Maj^ty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Maj^ys Governour Councill and Assembly of this province and the authority of the same That the af^d Last will & Testament of the said Colonel John Contee Recorded as af^d shall by the authority of this Assembly and by Vertue of this Act in all Courts and before all Judges be Held deemed reputed and taken to be the Last will and Testament of the af^d Colonell John Contee as if the same had been by him in his Life time actually Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of the three wittnesses who have proved the same in Coṁon forme & that the Severall Devises and bequests therein specified shall be deemed taken & adjudged to be of full force & Efficacy to all Intents and purposes whatsoever to intitle the severall Persons therein named and their heires & Assignes to the Goods Chattells Lands & Tenem^ts therein & thereby to them Expressed to be bequeathed & devised notwithstanding the Defect of the same Will not being Signed Sealed published & declared by the said Coll Contee any Law Statute Vsage or Custome to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

By the house of Del 15th December 1708.

Read and assented to by the house of Del,
Signed ꝑ order   Richd Dallam Cl: ho: Del:

December the 16th 1708.

Then was this bill read assented to by her Maj^ys hon^ble Council.
Signed ꝑ order W Bladen Cl Council.

December 17th 1708.

On the behalf of our Sovereigne Lady Ann Queen of Great Brittain &c.   I will this be a Law
Jo : Seymour

An Act for Naturalization of Benjamin Deffourr of Ann Arrun-
dell County Planter Justus Englehard Kitchin of the same painter & James Robert of Calvert County planter.

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of her Maj^ys Governour Councill & Assembly of this province and the Authority of the same

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