

Sume of one hundred Eighty five thousand and fifteen pounds of tobacco and two hundred and Seventy five pounds sterling due on two bonds haveing first made his Last will & Testament in wrighting of w^{ch} he made Ex^{rs} who refused to accept the trust in them Reposed or to prove the said will so that Letters of Administration were thereupon Granted to Mary Clements the widdow and Relict of the af^d John Clements the Elder who togeather with a Certain William Ford late of Dorchester County Merch^t became bound unto the then Lord Proprietary of this Province to the use of the Said John Clements Orphans in the penall Sume of four hundred thousand pounds of tobacco for her due Administration thereof which she altogether neglected and Shortly after Intermarried with a Certain James Derumple spent Imbezilled and Confounded the said Personall Estate the Orphans of the said John Clements the Elder haveing little or nothing bestowed upon their Education and wholly destitute of their portions since w^{ch} the said Mary Clements is dead And the af^d W^m Ford without any Account rendred of the said administration, not haveing left any Personall Estate behind them wherewth to satisfie the Orphans of the af^d John Clements decēd neither had the said Mary any reall Estate at the time of her death But in as much as the af^d W^m Ford dyed possesst in fee Simple of and in Severall Considerable tracts of Land within this Province and that the Children and Grand Children of the said John Clements have no releife Either in Common Law or Equity The administration bond Entred into by the af^d W^m Ford not being to be found though the Minnitt thereof appeares upon the records in the Commissary Generalls office and the said Fords Collaterall Heires are not within this Province So as to be Served with process out of the high Court of Chancery It was prayed that for their Relief it might be Enacted

And be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Maj^{ty} by and with the advice and Consent of her Maj^{ty}s President Councill and Assembly of this province and the authority of the same that unless the heir at Law of the said W^m Ford shall within two years from the End of this Session of Assembly render him her or themselves within this province lyable to be Served with Subpena or other process of the Court of Chancery and Answer the Petitioners bill of Complaint Stand to Perform fullfill and abide the decree of that high and honourable Court thereon if any shall be made within Seven yeares for releif of the said John Clements and his sisters Children Claiming their Severall Portions out of their father and Grandfather John Clements the Elders Estate it shall and may be lawfull and the Severall and Respective persons hereafter named (that is to say) M^r Walter Campbell Master Jn^o Hudson and Master Henry Ennalls or any two of them are by Vertue of this act after the Expiration of the said two years from the End of this Session of Assembly Impowered and Authorized to sell all or so much of the Lands of the said W^m Ford within this Province to the best Purchasor or

Liber LL, 4
Acts

p. 11