

Liber Assignes for Ever any Devise Entail limitation or other matter or  
 B. L. C. thing heretofore made or done to the Contrary notwithstanding and  
 that he the same Benjamin and his Heirs be and are hereby fully  
 enabled authorized & Impowered to grant bargain and Convey the  
 same parcell of Land called Ropers neck to the aforesaid Thomas  
 Rutland his Heirs or Assignes in fee Simple as if the same never had  
 been Entailed and that he the said Thomas Rutland his Heirs or  
 Assignes by Virtue of such Grant Bargain and Conveyance and this  
 Act shall and may have hold possess and Enjoy the same Land to  
 him or them his or their Heirs or Assignes respectively for ever free  
 and Clear of and from all Limitations Conditions and Entails what-  
 soever of the aforesaid Thomas Roper or of any other person or  
 persons whatsoever Claiming under the said Thomas Roper

Provided Always that the aforesaid Benjamin Howard or his  
 Heirs before the making of any such Grant or Conveyance as afore-  
 said by Good and Effectual Deed or Deeds by him or them to be  
 duly Executed shall Grant and settle the aforesaid Parcell of Land  
 called Oven Wood Thickett Howards Addition and Deval's Range  
 with the Appurtenances in Fee tail upon himself the same Benjamin  
 Howard and the Heirs of his Body lawfully to be begotten according  
 to the true Intent and Meaning of the last Will and Testament of the  
 aforesaid Thomas Roper Saving to his Most Sacred Majesty his  
 Heirs and Successors the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary  
 his Heirs and Successors and all Bodies Politick and Corporate and  
 all others not mentioned in this Act their Severall and respective  
 Rights.

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 Preamble.

An Act for the Relief of *John Blandford* and *Hannah Ratcliffe*.

Whereas *John Blandford* of Prince George's County, and *Hannah Ratcliffe* of *Queen-Anne's* County, Executrix of the Testament, and Last Will of *William Ratcliffe* Deceased, have by their respective Petitions severally set forth, that a Negro Man Slave belonging to the said *John* was Committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of *Prince George's* County, on Suspicion of Conspiring the Death of sundry White People, and that during the Time of his Imprisonment he Died: And that a Negro Man Slave of the aforesaid *William Ratcliffe* in his Life Time, voluntarily Murdered one of his Fellow Slaves, and being Apprehended and Committed for that Fact Died in Prison before any Court happened wherein he could be Tried; wherefore the said Petitioners severally Pray to be Allowed from the Publick, for the Value of the aforesaid Slaves.

Justices of  
*Pr. George's*  
 County to  
 determine  
 the value of  
*John Bland-*  
*ford's* Slave  
 at the Time  
 of his com-  
 mitment.

*Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Justices of Prince George's County Court, shall, at the next Court to be held for that County after the End of this present Session of Assembly, or at the Court succeeding*