

Lands and Estate of Coll^o Smithson and Thomas Smithson L. H. J.
thus Endorst Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly.
April the 16th 1720.

Upon reading and Considering the within bill we find that you have Reserved a Right of Redemption to the heirs only and have Excluded the severall Devisees, whereas we are of Opinion that the Devisees ought to have the pre-emption of their respective Estates, and it being represented to us that Mary Wrightson Widow one of the Devisees mentioned in the will of the within Thomas Smithson of Talbot County hath paid all the arrears of the Quit Rents due to the Lord Proprietary for Land Deviseed to her, we think it reasonable, that if that Land be sold, she should be again repaid so much Tobacco as she can make appear she has Disbursed on that Occasion the land being yet uncultivated, and no benefitt accruing to her by it, and we are Likewise of Opinion, that forasmuch as it appears, that it was the Principal Design of the within Thomas Smithson of Talbot County, that the Chief of his Lands and Personal Estate should remain to the Parish of S^t Michaels in the said County and free Schools in this Province, We think that these Lands so deviseed ought not to be Exposed to sale if the other Land and the remaining part of the personall Estate should be found Sufficient to recompence the Damages, and we propose that Coll Richard Tilghman be appointed Commissioner in the Room of M^r Dashiell, who lives remote from the Land.

Signed p Order. John Beale Cl: Up: Ho:

The Question was put whether a Bill shall be brought in to Continue the three pence p hh^d to the Governour in his Absence.

Carried in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes.

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The Question was put whether it should be for Twelve months or untill he shall be Actually Superseeded which shall first happen or only for Twelve months.

Carried Nemine Contradicente that it shall Continue for twelve months or untill his Excellency shall be actually Superseeded which shall first happen.

The house adjourns till one a Clock in the Afternoon

Post Meridiem. The house meet according to adjournment.