

A Bill for confirming a Lease made by the Tuscarora Indians to Robert Jones, William Williams and Thomas Pugh Esquires

Whereas a Number of the Tuscarora Indians, being desirous of removing themselves from their Lands on Roanoke River in Bertie County in this province, and settling & incorporating themselves with the Nations of Indians on the River Susquehanna, and whereas the said Tuscarora Indians, in Order to defray the Expence of removing themselves & their Effects from this province to the Settlements on the said River Susquehanna, did on the twelfth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, for the consideration of fifteen hundred pounds proclamation money before that time paid & advanced to them the said Tuscarora Indians by the said Robert Jones, William Williams & Thomas Pugh, by an Indenture under the hands & seals of James Allen, John Wiggins Billy George, John Rose George, Billy Cain, Charles Cornelius, Thomas Blount, John Rogers, George Blount, Wineoak Charley, Billy Basket, Billy Owen, Lewis Puffick, Isaac Miller, Harry, Samuel Bridgers, Thomas Seneca, Thomas Horvit, Billy Sockey, Billy Cornelius, John Seneca, Thomas Basket, John Cain, Billy Dennis, William Taylor, Lewis, John Walker, Billy Mitchell, Billy Ketop, Billy Blount, Tom Jack, John Lightwood, Billy Roberts, James Mitchell, Capt. Joe & William Pugh, Christians and Head-men of the said Nation of Tuscarora Indians, for & on behalf of themselves and the rest of the Indians of the said Tuscarora Nation, on the one part, and the said Robert Jones, William Williams & Thomas Pugh of the other part, did demise grant &

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to form let a certain Dividend of Land situate lying & being on Roanoke River in the County aforesaid, containing about eight thousand acres, be the same more or less & bounded as follows to wit Beginning at the Mouth of Deep Creek otherwise called Falling Run, thence running up the said Creek to the Indian Head Line, thence by the said Line South 57 Degrees East 1200 poles, thence a Course parallel with the general Current of the said Creek to Roanoke River aforesaid, and up the River to the Beginning, together with all Trees, Timber Trees, Woods, Underwoods Ways, Water, & Appurtenances whatsoever to the said Dividend Tract or parcel of Land belonging or in any wise appertaining: To have and to hold the said Dividend Tract or parcel of Land with all & singular the Appurtenances unto the said Robert Jones William Williams & Thomas Pugh, their Executors Administrators & Assigns, without Impeachment of waste; to be by the said Robert Jones William Williams and Thomas Pugh, respectively, their Executors Administrators & Assigns, held and enjoyed in Severalty, that is to say, one third part of the said Dividend Tract or parcel of Land, the same into three equal parts to be divided, unto the said Robert Jones his Executors Administrators & Assigns; one other third part thereof, the same into three equal parts to be divided, unto the said William Williams his Executors Administrators and Assigns, and the remaining third part thereof, the same into three equal parts to be divided, unto the said Thomas Pugh, his Executors Administrators & Assigns, from the said twelfth Day of July in the Year aforesaid for & during the Term of one hundred and fifty Years from thence next ensuing & fully to be complete & ended, the said Robert Jones William Williams & Thomas Pugh, their Executors Administrators & Assigns, yielding & paying therefore yearly

Yearly & every Year, during the said Term, to the said Tuscarora Indians & their assigns one pepper Corn, if demanded, at or upon the Feast of Saint Michael the Arch-angel.

And whereas the said Nation of Tuscarora Indians are desirous that the Indenture of Lease made between the said James Allen, John Wiggins, Billy George, Snip Rose George, Billy Cain, Charles Cornelius, Thomas Blount, John Rogers, George Blount, Maicak Charles, Billy Basket, Billy Owen, Lewis Tufford, Isaac Miller, Harry, Samuel Bridges, Thomas Seneca, Thomas Hewit, Billy Vockey, Billy Cornelius, John Seneca, Thomas Basket, John Cain, Billy Dennis, William Taylor, Owens, John Walker, Billy Mitchell, Billy Ketop, Billy Blount, Tom Jack, John Lightwood, Billy Roberts, James Mitchell, Capt. Joe, and William Pugh, Chieftains & head men of the said Nation of Tuscarora Indians, and the said Robert Jones, William Williams & Thomas Pugh, should have the force & validity of an Act of Assembly; and that it shall be lawful for the said Robert Jones, William Williams and Thomas Pugh, their Executors, Administrators & assigns, to enter upon occupy possess & enjoy the said Dividend Tract or parcel of Land, demised as aforesaid without the Let, Hindrance or Molestation of any person or persons whatsoever, and without incurring any penalties whatsoever by reason of their so entering upon, occupying possessing and enjoying the said Tract or parcel of Land, and without Impeachment of Waste.

And whereas the said Robert Jones, since the said twelfth day of July in the Year aforesaid hath departed this Life, having first made his last Will & Testament, and therein and thereby bequeathed his proportion & share of the said Tract or parcel of Land, demised as aforesaid, unto his Sons Allen Jones & Willie Jones, their Executors, Administrators and assigns

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor Council & Assembly & by the Authority of the same

same, (and it is hereby enacted, that the said Indenture of Demise is hereby ratified and confirmed and that it shall & may be lawful for the said Allen Jones & Willie Jones, in Right of the said Robert Jones, the said William Williams & Thomas Pugh, their Executors, Administrators & assigns, to enter upon, occupy possess & enjoy the said Divided Tract or parcel of Land according to the Form & Effect of the said Indenture of Demise, that is to say, that it shall & may be lawful for the said Allen Jones & Willie Jones their Executors Administrators & assigns to enter upon occupy possess & enjoy one third part of the said Divided Tract or parcel Land, the same into three equal parts to be divided, for & during the Term aforesaid; the said William Williams his Executors Administrators and assigns to enter upon occupy possess & enjoy one other third part thereof, the same into three equal parts to be divided, for & during the Term aforesaid; and the said Thomas Pugh his Executors Administrators and assigns to enter upon occupy possess & enjoy the remaining third part thereof for & during the Term aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the said Allen Jones, Willie Jones, William Williams and Thomas Pugh, ^{their Executors Administrators and assigns} are hereby exempted from the penalties of an Act of Assembly passed at Newbern the fifteenth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty eight intituled an Act for ascertaining the bounds of a certain tract of Land formerly laid out by treaty to the use of the Tuscarora Indians so long as they or any of them shall occupy or live upon the same & to prevent any person or persons taking up Lands or settling within the said Bounds by pretence of any purchase or purchases made or that shall be made from the said Indians, and that it shall & may be lawful for the said Allen Jones and Willie Jones, William Williams and Thomas

shall their Executors Administrators and Assigns to occupy possess & enjoy the said
 Divided Tract or parcels of Land demised as aforesaid during the term aforesaid
 without Impediment of Waste & without the least molestation or hindrance of
 any person or persons whatsoever

Provided always & be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that
 nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to invalidate the Title or
 Titles of any person or persons who have obtained any grant or grants for
 any tracts or parcels of Land within the Limits or boundaries of the Land
 of the said Tuscarora Indians before the said fifteenth day of October
 one thousand seven hundred and forty eight.

Provided also and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid
 that the said Allen Jones and Willie Jones William Williams and Thomas
 Hugh their Executors Administrators and Assigns shall yearly and each year
 during the term aforesaid on the twenty fifth day of March pay to the
 Right honorable Earl Granville his heirs and Assigns a quit rent of
 four shillings Proclamation money for every hundred Acres of Land
 contained within the Limits or boundaries of the Lands demised as aforesaid
 and in case the said quit rent shall be in arrears at any time within the
 term aforesaid that then it shall & may be lawful for the said Earl
 Granville his heirs and Assigns to sue for and recover all such arrearages
 of rent of and from the said Allen Jones Willie Jones William Williams
 and Thomas Hugh their Executors Administrators and Assigns by all
 lawful ways and means whatsoever.

A Bill for confirming a
Lease made by the Indians
and Indians to Robert Long
Sant. Will. Williams &
Thomas Pugh Esquires

In the House of Commons
10th Nov. 1766. By the Speaker
Read the first time & passed
By Order of the House
Sant. by Mr. H. P. 1766
(H. P. 1766)

In the upper House 4th Nov. 1766
Read the first time & passed

By Order
Sant. by Mr. H. P. 1766
13th of Nov. 1766.

In the upper House
Read the second time & passed
By Order of the House
Sant. by Mr. H. P. 1766
(H. P. 1766)

14th Nov. 1766
In the upper House
Read the second time & passed
By Order

Sant. by Mr. H. P. 1766
15th Nov. 1766. By the Speaker
Read the third time & passed
By Order of the House
Sant. by Mr. H. P. 1766
(H. P. 1766)

17th November 1766 In the upper House
Read the third time & passed
By Order of the House
Sant. by Mr. H. P. 1766
(H. P. 1766)