

accordingly some time since procure and purchase thereof of  
 one Nathaniel Stinchcomb of the aforesaid County a small  
 tract of Land, which your Petitioner scute built on and im-  
 proved with no small charge to a convenient Plantation and  
 habitation for the support and maintainance of himself and  
 his Family, since which one M<sup>r</sup> William Hopkins of the  
 aforesaid County having a covetous desire for the said Land as  
 lying commodious for him, and taking advantage of the  
 nonage of the said Nathaniel Stinchcomb when he made sale  
 thereof to your Petitioner did afterwards within the time and (as  
 your Petitioner is also advised) before he came to full age privately  
 and underhand practise and deal with the said Nathaniel to re-  
 cant and fall of from his first Bargain and sale to your Petit<sup>r</sup>  
 and to sell the same again to him the said Hopkins wickedly  
 Maliciously and fraudently insinuating to him, the advantage  
 he would gain thereby of having double pay for the same, for  
 what he had before done would signify nothing neither could he  
 be compelled by your Petitioner to make restitution of what real-  
 ly and Bona fide he had recd: he being then in his minority  
 and therefore incapable of disposing of his Land, neither could  
 your Petitioner recover any thing back from him by Law, by  
 which Suggestion and Persuasions of the said Hopkins, the said  
 Nathaniel Stinchcomb as himself hath since confessed, and  
 is ready to confirm, being most importunately solicited and  
 continually plyed by the said Hopkins, was at last seduced to a  
 second Bargain and sale of the said Land to the said Hopkins  
 wherein the said Hopkins was so diligent and earnest that he  
 procured a conveyance thereof to be drawn executed and recorded  
 in the County Court before such time as your Petitioner was aware  
 or indeed could imagine him to have effected till he were at full  
 Age: the fraudulent unjust Proceedings of the said Hopkins your  
 Petitioner complained of and made so evidently to appear to the  
 Justices of the said County Court, that they approved of and ordered  
 your Petitioners Conveyance from the said Nathaniel to be also recor-  
 ded and the former granted to the said Hopkins did seeme to be  
 unjust fraudulent and surreptitiously obtained.