

PROCEEDINGS AND ACTS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND

*At a Session held at Annapolis July 7-July 29, 1740.
Being the Second Session of the Assembly Elected in 1740.*

CHARLES CALVERT, LORD BALTIMORE,
Proprietary.

SAMUEL OGLE,
Governor.

PROCEEDINGS
THE UPPER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the seventh Day of July in the twenty sixth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1740

Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor

The Hon ^{ble}	{	Major Gen ^l Matt. Tilg: Ward	} Edmund Jenings Esq ^r	
		Benjamin Tasker Esq ^r		Col James Hollyday
		Philip Lee Esq ^r		Col Charles Hammond
		George Plater Esq ^r		Col Levin Gale

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John Ross
and trans-
mitted to
the Lord
Proprietary
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July 7

Mess^{rs} King and Sprigg from the Lower House acquaint his Excellency that there is a sufficient Number of Members met to make a House and wait his Excellencys Commands

[See also
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Benjamin Tasker and George Plater Esq^{rs} are sent to acquaint the Lower House that his Excellency requires the Speaker and the House to attend him in the Upper House

The Speaker and Lower House attend and his Excellency is pleased to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

His Majesty having given Orders for the Equipping and setting forth of an Expedition, against the Territories of the Catholick King in the West Indies, and having been pleased to send his Royal Instruc-

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Laws~~ by the Clerk or Register of the said Parish for the Time being, at the Request of the Leasee, entered *verbatim* on the Register Book of the said Parish, and there to be viewed and perused by any Person desiring the same, and who shall on paying a reasonable Fee or Reward, have a Copy thereof, or of such Part thereof as such Person shall think proper, and for which Entry so as aforesaid to be made in the Register-Book, the Clerk or Register shall have and receive the Sum of Five Shillings Current Money, and no more; and which Entry, when made as aforesaid, shall be deemed, taken, and construed to be as good and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been acknowledged and entered among the aforesaid County or Provincial Records; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Chap. XXII. A Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled, *An Act for laying out and erecting a Town, at a Place called Long Point, on the West Side of North-East River, in Cæcil County.*

Preamble. [Supple-
mented by
1750 Ch. 12
and 1753 Ch.
28] Whereas, the Inhabitants or Takers-up of the Lots in *Charles-Town*, in *Cæcil County*, have by their Petition to this General Assembly represented, That they have voluntarily advanced, and paid into the Hands of the Commissioners appointed for laying out the said Town, the Sum of Twenty Shillings upon every and respective
p. 20 Lot by them taken up, over and above the Price and Purchase thereof, whereby there is paid into the Hands of the said Commissioners the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Current Money, to be applied towards Building a public Wharf and Storehouse in the said Town, for the Advancement of the Trade thereof; and therefore pray that a Law may pass, for laying out the said Money towards building a public Wharf and Storehouse, on the public Ground laid out and reserved for that Purpose, and to direct the Management of the said Wharf and Storehouse, and also to grant them such farther Privileges for the Advancement of the Trade, and good Regulation of the said Town, as may seem most fit and agreeable to encourage the Settlement thereof: For the Encouragement therefore of the said Petitioners, and other well disposed to forward the Trade and Advancement of the said Town, represented to be most conveniently situated for the Trade of all Sorts of Grain, Flour, Flax, Seed, and such like Commodities;

Commissioners to lay out the public Money. *Be it 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 Col. Thomas Colwill, Capt. Nicholas Hyland, Mr. Benjamin Pearce, Mr. Henry Baker, Mr. Zebulon Hollingsworth, Mr. John Read, and Mr. Benjamin Chew, be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners for laying out the said Money, so advanced and collected as aforesaid; as also for receiving, collecting, and lay-*

ing out all such Sum or Sums of Money, that shall be advanced or given by any Person or Persons, for the said Uses; and that the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, do, and are hereby directed and empowered to lay out the said public Money already received, or which shall be by them hereafter received, in the most careful and speedy Manner, by agreeing with sufficient and able Workmen, to build the said public Wharf, Storehouse, or Storehouses, in such Place and Manner on the Ground aforesaid, as to the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall seem most commodious for the Trade and Advantage of the said Town.

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How the same is to be applied.

And be it further Enacted, That no Commissioner shall directly or indirectly be any way concerned in any Bargain or Contract, to be made with any Workman or Workmen, for building the said Wharf and Storehouses, or any other public Buildings, so as to receive any Profit or Advantage thereby, on the Penalty of Fifty Pounds Current Money, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed and applied to the Use of such public Building; and that the said Workmen shall declare upon Oath (if required by the said Commissioners), the Names of all such Persons as are joined and concerned with them, in the said Contracts or Agreements.

Commissioners not to be concerned in Contracts, whereby advantage may accrue to themselves.

And be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the Commissioners aforesaid, or the Commissioners for the Time being, shall keep a fair and particular Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of this and all other public Money by them received for the Uses aforesaid, and shall annually lodge a Copy thereof with the Clerk of *Cæcil* County, signed by the Commissioners, or the major Part of them, and which Account the said Clerk shall copy, and insert in the Record-Book kept for the Use of the said Town, without Fee.

Accounts of public Money to be kept.

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And be it also Enacted, That when the said Wharf and Storehouse and Houses shall be Built, the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall appoint a Person of good Repute and Skill in the Goodness and Quality of Flour, Wheat, and other Grain, to be Wharfinger and Storehousekeeper to the said Wharf and Storehouses, which said Officer shall give sufficient Security in the Name of the Lord Proprietary of this Province, in the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Current Money, for the true and faithful Discharge of his said Office, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act hereafter expressed, and to secure the People living at a Distance, as well as those in or near the said Town, to have their Grain and other Commodities safely and securely stored, at reasonable Rates, and have utmost Assurance of punctual and honest Dealing.

A Wharfinger and Storekeeper to be appointed.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners shall provide for the said Officer, out of the public Money,

Measures also to be provided.

Session Laws sufficient, sealed, and exact Measures, as used in this Province, and that the said Officer shall give due Attendance at the said Wharf and Storehouses, and shall receive therein all such clean and merchantable Grain and Commodities as shall be brought there to be stored, which he shall endeavor as much as he can to keep in separate Parcels: But whereas he may be often obliged to mix the Grain belonging to several People, the said Officer shall use his utmost Skill in examining the Grain so brought in at different Times, and shall not receive into the said Storehouse any Wheat, or other Grain, that shall not be sufficiently clean, sound, and merchantable.

Receipts to be given for Goods lodged in the said Storehouse. *And be it also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the said Store-keeper shall give all Persons lodging any Grain, or other Country Produce or Commodities, in the said Storehouse, authentic Receipts for the same, and that the said Receipts shall be transferable, and being legally indorsed or assigned, shall oblige the said Store-keeper to deliver to the Indorsee or Assignee, without Delay, the Goods or Commodities in the said Receipt mentioned, they paying Storage for the said Goods or Commodities as is hereafter rated and expressed, and no more.

Shrinkage allowed on goods lying more than 3 Months. *Provided nevertheless,* That for any Wheat or other Grain, measured into the said Storehouse, and lying therein above Three Months, the said Storekeeper shall be allowed one *per Cent.* on the Delivery thereof, for Shrinkage or other Waste, on the said Grain, and for the Encouragement of Persons trading to the said Town, and for the Credit of the Manufacture of Wheat shipped therefrom,

A Viewer of Flour to be appointed. *Be it also Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid,* That as soon as the said Officer or Storekeeper, shall be appointed as aforesaid, or at such other Times as the said Commissioners shall see necessary, to appoint a Viewer or Examiner of Flour, and after one Month's, publick Notice of the same, that no Flour shall be shipped off from the said Town, but what shall be carefully viewed and branded by the said Officer (for which Purpose a public Brand-Iron shall be provided by the Commissioners), who shall on his entering the said Office, make Oath before one Provincial or County Magistrate, that without Favour, Partiality, or Respect of Persons, he will use his best Skill and Knowledge that no Flour be passed or branded by him, without his viewing and examining the same; and that he will not brand, or cause to be branded, any Cask or Casks of Flour, that does not appear to the best of his Skill and Knowledge, to be in all Respects sufficiently clean, sweet, and merchantable, so as to be of equal Goodness and Fineness with the like Commodities usually exported from the neighbouring trading Colonies; for the viewing and branding whereof, he shall receive from the Owner or Owners thereof the Sum of Threepence Current Money, *per* Barrel, and no more.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That after such Viewer and Examiner shall be appointed in Manner aforesaid, no Flour whatsoever shall be shipped off for Trade or Exportation, from any other Place or Landing on *North-East* River, but that all Flour from thence intended to be shipped off, shall be brought either by Land or by Water to the said Town, and be there viewed and branded by the Officer aforesaid, on Penalty of Forfeiture of the said Flour, or Value thereof, to be recovered in any County-Court of this Province, by Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed, one Moiety of which Forfeiture to be paid to the Informer, the other Moiety to be paid to the Commissioners, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, to be applied towards the building, repairing, and maintaining the said public Wharf and Warehouse, and to be accounted for as abovesaid.

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No Corn to
be shipped
from *North-
East* River,
except from
this Town.

And be it further Enacted, That any Person or Persons bringing Flour to the said Town, to be viewed and examined as aforesaid, which shall prove on Examination thereof to be unmerchantable, according to the Intent and Meaning of this Act, the said Officer shall not brand the same, but cause it to be marked on the Head or Bulge with the broad Arrow, or secure it for a further Examination if required, which the Owner shall demand and receive from the Owner or Owners thereof the same Rate and Price, as if he put the Brand thereon: *Provided,* That when any Person or Persons shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved, through the Judgment or Want of Skill of the said Officer, it shall and may be lawful for him, her, or them, to apply to one or other of the said Commissioners, who shall at the Charge of the said Complainant issue Summons to two or more indifferent Persons well skilled in the said Manufacture, to review and examine the same, which if they shall pass and declare to be merchantable, then the said Officer shall raze out the broad Arrow, and put the Brand on the said Flour, and repay the said Cost; but if on such Review, the Judgment of the said Officer is confirmed, then the said Owner or Owners of such Flour shall, besides the said Cost, forfeit and pay one Shilling Current Money *per* Barrel, to be recovered before a single Magistrate, and to be paid to the Commissioners, to be applied as aforesaid.

Flour not
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And be it further Enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons to export the said Flour so marked with the broad Arrow, nor any other Cask or Casks of Flour not examined and branded as aforesaid, out of the *North-East* River, on Pain of Forfeiture of Five Shillings Money aforesaid a Barrel, for every Barrel so put on board of any Ship or other Vessel, for such Exportation, to be recovered and applied as abovesaid.

Such Flour
not to be
exported.

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And be it further Enacted, That all Flour and Bread that shall be shipped off from the said Town, shall be bought and sold by the Long

Flour &c. to
be sold by
the Long
Hundred.

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Laws Hundred, or Hundred Weight of One Hundred and Twelve Pounds; and that the Commissioners shall provide for the said Officer sufficient Weights and Scales for that Purpose, where any Person suspecting the Invoice of the Weights of Flour by them bought, or brought to the said Warehouse, may have them justly and truly weighed (if desired), for which Weighing and a true Invoice or Account thereof, the said Storekeeper shall be paid one Penny Currency *per* Barrel, and no more.

Casks to be
tared on the
Bulge. *And be it further Enacted*, That all Flour, Bread, and other Cask in which any of the Country Produce aforesaid is contained, or intended to be sold or shipped off, shall be packed in well-seasoned Casks, and be justly and truly tared on the Bulge thereof, on the Penalty of one Shilling Currency; and every Barrel or Cask that shall appear on Trial to be tared above Four Pounds over and above it's just and true Weight, shall forfeit the Sum of Five Shillings Money aforesaid, to be recovered from the Owner or Seller of the said Casks, in the Manner aforesaid, to the Uses aforesaid.

Rates of
Storage to
be moderate
and rea-
sonable. And whereas it is the Intention of this Law, that the Storage and Wharfage should be most low and reasonably rated, so as to give Encouragement and Satisfaction to all concerned, intending only to raise a reasonable and moderate Salary or Reward, to engage an able and sufficient Person to take on him the faithful Discharge and Management of the said Trust, and for the necessary Repair and Expences in and about the Wharf and Storehouse aforesaid: And whercas it is at present difficult to ascertain what Storage and Wharfage for Goods would be for that Purpose sufficient, therefore it may be necessary that some Persons may be trusted at present with the Settlement thereof, in the most reasonable Manner, to answer the Intention abovesaid; *Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Commissioners herein appointed, be hereby authorized and impowered to set moderate and reasonable Rates of Storage and Wharfage, for all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes that shall be stored in the said Storehouse or Storehouses, or landed and shipped off from the said Wharf; and which Rates they shall cause the said Storehousekeeper to have and keep, to shew to all Persons requiring the same, and to fix a Copy thereof to remain on the Door of the said Storehouse; and that the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall have Power to lessen the said Rates at any Time by them set, when by Increase of Trade, or otherwise, it shall appear to them necessary.

Wharf to be
kept clear as
possible. *And be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid*, That the said Wharf shall be kept as clear as possible from being incommoded by the long lying of Staves or other Lumber thereon, and that no such Lumber shall be suffered to lie thereon longer than Six Days, without Permission of the said Wharfinger, or two of the Commissioners aforesaid; but that the Persons owning the same, after Notice given by the said Wharfinger, shall remove

the same in three Days after such Notice, on Penalty of Five Shillings Money aforesaid, to be recovered before a single Magistrate, to be applied to the Uses aforesaid.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, shall have Power to apply and set apart any Part of the public Squares or Vacancies, to the Use of any religious Society or Persuasion, for the building thereon any House or Houses for public Worship, and to such other public Uses as to them, or the major Part of them, shall appear to be for the Interest, Profit, and Conveniency of the Inhabitants of the said Town; and shall also have Power to lease any Part or Parcels of the said Squares or Vacancies, laid out and reserved for public Uses, for any Term not exceeding Twenty-one Years, or Three Lives, for an annual Rent, and shall not otherwise alienate any of the said Squares or Vacancies; all which Rents and Profits so arising, the Commissioners shall from time to time account for in the Manner herein before expressed, to be applied to the Use of the Public of *Charles-Town* aforesaid.

Public
Vacancies
and Squares
how to be
dispos'd of.

And to the end that Timber may be preserved for the public Use, such as fencing in all or Part of the Common, the raising of the Wharf, or other public Occasions; *Be it also Enacted,* That the Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered, if they see Cause, to mark or lay out in the Common of *Charles-Town* aforesaid, the Quantity of One Hundred Acres, which shall appear to them to be best timbered and convenient; and that no Timber or other Trees growing or standing within the Bounds thereof, above the Girt of Eighteen Inches, to be taken or measured at the Height of three Foot from the Ground, shall be cut down by any of the Inhabitants of the said Town, or others, without Leave of the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, on the Penalty of Ten Shillings Money aforesaid for every Tree so cut down, to be recovered before a single Magistrate of said County; one Half of which Forfeiture to be paid to the Informer, the other Half to the Commissioners, to be applied and accounted for as abovesaid.

Timber for
public Uses,
how pro-
vided.

And whereas, notwithstanding the Plenty of Timber near the said Town, and the great Conveniencies of Forges, for the Encouragement of building Sea-Vessels and others, and thereby settling in the said Town many useful Tradesmen and Labourers; yet for want of sufficient Depth of Water near the Shore, within any Part of the Bounds of the said Town and Common, the Proceeding in that useful and necessary Branch of Trade is altogether impracticable; and whereas in the Opinion of skilful Workmen, there is but one Place near the Boundaries of said Town, called *Seneca Point*, at present possessed by a certain *Edward Oldham*, fit and capable for launching Ships or other Vessels; if a Property was to be had thereto, so as not to be left to the Will of any Person to frustrate so public a Good;

*Seneca
Point* the
only Place
where Ships
can be
launched.

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Said Seneca
point to be
purchased
for a Ship-
Yard.

Be it therefore Enacted, That the Commissioners for said Town are hereby impowered to fix upon any Place at or near said *Seneca Point*, convenient for a Ship-Yard to the said Town and Common, and to agree for two Acres of Land with the Owner or Owners thereof, which if they cannot do upon reasonable Terms, then they shall cause a Jury in the usual Manner to be summoned and impanelled by the Sheriff, to value the said Land; which Value so assessed the said Commissioners shall tender and pay the said Owner or Owners, out of the public Money collected and belonging to the Public of said Town; and the said two Acres of Land shall for ever be deemed to belong to the Public thereof: In Satisfaction whereof, all Persons building any Ship or other Vessel on the said Ground, above the Length of Twenty Foot Keel, shall pay to the Commissioners for the public Use of the said Town, such Sum as shall be thought necessary, not to exceed Six pence Current Money *per* Ton, for License to build any such Ship or other Vessel thereon: And that the Commissioners, or the major Part of them, have also Power to lay out a convenient Cart-Road to the said Ship-Yard, so as to do the least Damage they possibly can to the Owner of said Land, and which Road shall be always kept open and free for the Use of the said Ship-Yard. And to continue a Succession of the said Commissioners, for the good Order and Regulation of the said Town and Trade thereof,

Commis-
sioners
dying or
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to act, others
to be chosen
by the rest.

Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That when and as often as any of the said Commissioners shall die, or depart this Province, or shall refuse or neglect to act in the Execution of this Act, then and in any such Case it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, to meet at the said Town, on the Tenth Day of *May* next ensuing such Death or Removal, and appoint such other Person as they shall think fit, to be Commissioner in the Room of him so dead, removed, or neglecting to act as aforesaid.

Proviso. *Provided,* That at what Time soever it shall be made appear to the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, that there are the Number of Twenty fixed and settled Inhabitants, capable by Land or Estate to vote for a Burgess, according to the Qualifications of the Laws now in being, actually dwelling and residing in said Town, that then it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby directed and required, on all such Occasions that shall thereafter happen, to meet at *Charles-Town* aforesaid, on the Tenth Day of *May* next after such Vacancy shall be, and then and there by Vote of the said Inhabitants of *Charles-Town*, so qualified as abovesaid, to choose or elect one other Person or Persons, to serve as a Commissioner in the Room of him or them so dead, removed, or neglecting as aforesaid; and which said Person or Persons, so chosen or elected by Majority of such Votes, shall be a Commissioner, and be authorized to put this Law in Execution in

all Respects, and to all Intents and Purposes, as any other Commissioner herein named is authorized to do.

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Be it also Enacted, That the said Commissioners be, and are hereby directed and impowered to meet at the said *Charles-Town*, on the Tenth of *May* yearly, and oftener as Occasion shall require, to view, regulate, and perpetuate the Boundaries of the several and respective Lots and Town, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Return of the Survey-Plat, and Certificate thereof; and from time to time, as they shall see Cause, to inspect and enquire into the Proceedings and Management of the said Wharf and Storehouse, at said *Charles-Town* to be built and raised, in order to prevent and restrain all Irregularities and Impositions that may there happen.

Time of
Meeting of
the Commis-
sioners.

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And whereas, the present Inhabitants of *Charles-Town* aforesaid have already of their own Accord published a Fair, which was held at the said Town on the Tenth Day of this present Instant *May*, whereat great Numbers of People did meet; and whereas the adjacent Country produceth many useful Commodities, which brought to such Fair or Fairs to be sold, might be of Benefit and Advantage to the Trade and People of this Province, if the Time and Manner of keeping such Fair or Fairs were under due Regulations; *Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to appoint Two Fairs to be held at the said Town, to wit, to begin on the Twenty-third Day of *April*, and the Eighteenth Day of *October*, yearly, not being Sunday, otherwise to begin on the Day following, and to continue the said Fairs not more than Three Days each, Sundays exclusive; and that during such Continuance of the said Fair or Fairs, all Persons within the Bounds of said Town and Common shall be privileged from all Arrests, except for Felony and Breach of the Peace; as also all Persons coming to or returning from the said Fair or Fairs, have the like Privilege for one Day before and after the same. And the said Commissioners have also hereby Power and Authority, to make and appoint such good Rules and Orders, to be observed in holding the same, as may tend to prevent all Disorders and Inconveniencies that may therein happen.

Time of
holding
Fairs.

Privileges
allowed to
Persons who
come to said
Fairs.

And be it also Enacted, That the Commissioners aforesaid may employ some Person, if Occasion should be, to register their Proceedings, at their appointed or annual Meetings, at *Charles-Town* aforesaid; and that they are hereby impowered to pay the said Register, or Person by them employed for that Purpose, out of the Fines and Forfeitures, or other public Money, so as the Expence thereof do not exceed Five Pounds in any one Year.

Commis-
sioners may
appoint them
a Register,

Allowance
to be made
for the
Deputy-
Surveyors.

And whereas *John Veazy*, the present Deputy-Surveyor of *Cæcil* County, has not only been at extraordinary Trouble, in surveying

Session and laying out the said *Charles-Town*, but likewise hath been obliged
 Laws to pay several Sums of Money to Chain-bearers, and other Labourers, and his own necessary Expences, to the Value of more than the Allowance made to him, by the Act for laying out the said Town; *Be it therefore Enacted*, That the Justices of *Cæcil* County aforesaid shall, and are hereby enabled and required, at the Laying of the next Levy, to tax and levy the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, with the Sheriff's Commission thereon, which Sum of Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, so levied, shall be paid by the Sheriff of said County to the said *John Veazy*, for his Services and Expence aforesaid.

Two Persons joining their Names for one Lot, how to proceed. And whereas the small Number of Lots, directed to be laid out in *Charles-Town* aforesaid, were not sufficient to accommodate the great Number of Persons appearing willing to enter, and pay for the same, whereby great Numbers (to prevent Contests) were obliged and willing to join two of their Names to one Lot, to be divided between them; to prevent therefore the Trouble and Charge of executing and recording Deeds or other Instruments, as may by reason thereof be occasioned, *Be it therefore Enacted*, That all such
 p. 27 Persons, who on the Day of Ballotting for the Lots in *Charles-Town* aforesaid, entered two of their Names for one Lot, Reference being had to the Clerk's Entry on that Day made and taken, may at any Time, within Twelve Months after the End of this Session of Assembly, have Liberty to enter with the said Clerk, such equal Division, or distinct Moiety of such Lot or Lots, as shall be agreed on by the said two Parties; which Agreement or Division the said Clerk shall enter on the Record-Book, to be kept for said Town, and shall receive for each Entry One Shilling; and such Entry or Record made by the said Clerk in the Book aforesaid, and both or either of the Parties performing the Requisites required for saving Lots by the Law, for *Charles-Town* aforesaid, shall have such Lot, and transfer to each of the said Persons a Property to their respective and distinct Moiety, so agreed on and entered as aforesaid, in as ample Manner as in the former Law is directed, for giving and securing Title to Persons taking single or whole Lots.

Rev. Mr. *Wye* exempted from Forfeiture. *And be it also Enacted*, That the Reverend Mr. *William Wye*, having at the Ballotting aforesaid made Purchase of a Lot in said *Charles-Town*, he is hereby exempted from forfeiting the said Lot, although not built thereon; any former Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

This Act to continue for Seven Years, from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Seven Years.