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General Assembly, be levy'd by a publick Assessment on the Inhabitants of this Province; to be collected in the same Manner as other publick Assessments, and paid to the said Vestry and Churchwardens, towards the said Enlargement and Reparation.

Chap. XII An Act for erecting a Town on the North Side of Patapsco, in Baltemore County, and for laying out in Lots Sixty Acres of Land, in and about the Place where one John Fleming now lives.

Whereas, several of the Inhabitants of Baltemore County, have, by their Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, That a Town is much wanting on the North Side of Patapsco-River; and that it is generally agreed that Part of a Tract of Land, whereon a certain John Fleming now lives, and suppos'd to be the Right of the Heirs of Charles Carroll, Esq; deceas'd; which said Tract is commonly known by the Name of Cole's Harbour:

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That Mr. Thomas Tolley, Mr. William Hamilton, Mr. William Bucknar, Doctor George Walker, Mr. Richard Giest, Doctor George Buchanan, Mr. William Hammond, or any Three of them, shall be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners for Baltemore County aforesaid; and are hereby authorized and impowered, as well to agree for the Buying and Purchasing Sixty Acres of Land out of the Tract aforesaid, and such Part, not exceeding Sixty Acres, as lies most convenient to the Water, as for Surveying and Laying the same out in the most convenient Manner into Sixty equal Lots, to be erected into a Town.

And be it further Enacted, That the Commissioners aforesaid, herein before nominated and appointed, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered sometime before the last Day of September, which shall be in the Year of our Lord God, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty, to meet together on the Tract of Land aforesaid, or some other convenient Place thereto; and shall then and there treat and agree with the Owner or Owners, and Persons interested in the said Sixty Acres of Land, for the same; and after Purchase thereof, shall cause the same to be surveyed and laid out; and after the same be so survey'd and laid out, shall cause the same Sixty Acres to be mark'd, stak'd out, and divided into convenient Streets, Lanes, and Allies, as near as may be into Sixty equal Lots, mark'd by some Posts or Stakes towards the Streets, or Lanes, with Number One, Two, Three, Four, and so on to Sixty, to be divided and laid out; of which Lots the Owner or Owners of the said Land p. 12 shall have his or their first Choice for one Lot; and after such Choice, the remaining Lots may be taken up by others; and that no Person shall presume to purchase more than One Lot within the