

And the only reasons for making the Act seem to be to deprive the Lord of the benefit of his Escheat & next of the Quit rents reserved upon all his Grants which make the Principal branch of his L^dships Revenue

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For which, as to the 25. acres, not the least reason is assigned to Justify the Law the benefit of which is Equally extended to such as have already Purchased or shall hereafter Purchase & the Law seems Calculated in the nature of a Compromise between the Lord and the people whē.^r Escheat or not Escheat

As to what is called the Publick ground the Act is Silent as to the Supposed right which is therefore apprehended to be Incontestably in the Lord Prop.^{ry} & the remaining Consid.ⁿ is whether the Publick Buildings already Erected upon this Spot shall work a Sufficient merit in the Publick to Entitle them to this Land and whether if the Lord Prop.^{ry} is willing to be Divested of his rights this is the proper & necessary method to pursue by binding him by a Publick Law in the first Instance before his Assent be otherwise Signified or whether that Assent sh.^d not have been Signified in some other Shape & preceded the Law

Qq.^r . . . Please therefore to Consider the three several Laws [p. 3] herewith left And upon the several hints here offered and such others as may arise upon the perusal of the Acts to be Submitted to your more Serious Consid.ⁿ To give your particular advice and Opinion upon each Law to the Lord Prop.^{ry} and his Guardians in Order to Give their Assent or dissent thereto

Note. . . . Since the transcribing these Short heads We have found amongst the late Lord Baltimore's Papers in the Collecting of the Acts of Assembly passed in 1745 the parfar Act refered to by this last Act for Laying out princess Ann Town which is herewith Left & by the last Clause of that Act there is a reservation of 1.^d Sterling p Acre yearly to the Lord Prop.^{ry} for each Lot taken up But it must be Submitted to your Consid.ⁿ How far that reserved Rent is taken care of by the present Act and whether the Clause in this Act vesting the fee Simple in the Takers up or Purchasers ought not to have preferred the Lords Quit rent in the same or such like manner as in another Act herewith also Left relating to Baltimore Town

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—The handwriting changes and the following opinion is in the hand of Charles Pratt, later Earl Camden and Lord Chancellor]

To y^e first Law stated in this intituled An Act to make the Testimony of Convicted persons Legal Ag.^t Convicted persons.