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[Preamble.] Whereas a Considerable Body of the Inhabitants of Baltimore County by their Petition to this General Assembly have prayed That an Act may be passed for a Division of the said County and for erecting a new one out of Part thereof And whereas it Appears to this General Assembly that the erecting of a new County out of such part of Baltimore County will conduce greatly to the Ease and Convenience of the People thereof—

[The Bounds of Harford County.] Be it therefore enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that after the second Day of March next all that Part of Baltimore County which is included within the Bounds following to wit Beginning at the Mouth of the little Falls of Gunpowder River and running with the said Falls to the Fountain Head and from thence North to the Temporary Line of this Province and thence with the Temporary Line to Susquehannah River thence with Susquehannah to Chesapeak Bay and thence with the said Bay including Spesutia and Pools Islands to the Mouth of Gunpowder River and thence up the said River to the Beginning aforesaid shall be and is hereby erected into a new County by the Name of Harford County—

[Inhabitants to enjoy the same Privileges as those of other Counties.] And be it enacted That the Inhabitants of Harford County aforesaid shall have hold and enjoy all such Rights and Privileges as are held and enjoyed by the Inhabitants of any County in the Province

[Commissioners appointed to purchase Land in or adjoining to Bush-Town, for building a Court-House and Prison, &c.] And be it enacted That M.^r John Paca, M.^r Aquila Hall, M.^r John Mathews, M.^r John Hall of Cranbury, M.^r Amos Garret, M.^r Richard Dallam, and M.^r Benedict Edward Hall, shall be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for Harford County aforesaid and they or the Major Part of them shall and they are hereby authorized and required to buy and purchase in Fee a Quantity of Land not exceeding four Acres of Land in or adjoining to Bush Town on the Head of Bush River for the Purpose of building thereon a Court House and Prison for the said County and shall cause the said Land to be laid out by the Surveyor of Baltimore County with good and sufficient Boundaries and a Certificate thereof to be returned and recorded in the Records of the said County and the said Commissioners or the Major Part of them shall draw their Order on the Sheriff of Harford County to pay such Sum as shall be agreed upon for the said Land and the Sheriff is hereby directed and required to pay the said Order out of the Money here after mentioned to be collected by him for that Purpose and such Payment for the Land aforesaid shall invest the Justices of Harford County and their Successors with an Estate in fee simple therein for