

C H A P. XXI.

An Act for laying out a-new Fifteen Acres of Land, Part of the One Hundred Acres of Land formerly erected into a Town, commonly called Benedict-Leonard-Town, upon Patuxent River, in Charles County, besides the Lots which have been already taken up, pursuant to the Directions of former Laws: And to restrain the Inhabitants from keeping any Stock, except within their Inclosures in the said Town. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 54.* Passed 8th August 1732.

N. B. The Bounds of the 100 Acres formerly laid out for a Town by the Act of 1683, *ch. 5*, and confirmed by 1706, *ch. 14*, being very uncertain, &c. and the said 100 Acres being thought to be by far too much for that Place; by this Act, (1.) Commissioners are impowered to purchase, &c. 15 Acres of Land, out of the Tract aforesaid, lying most convenient to the Water, to be added to the Lots already taken up; and to survey and lay out the same, into 20 Lots, allowing sufficient Space for Streets, &c. with Posts towards every Street, &c. and the Lots, for better Distinction, to be Numbered from 1, to 20. (2.) The Owner of the Land to have the first Choice for one Lot, after which the remaining Lots to be taken up by others: No Person to take up more than one Lot within the 15 Acres during the first four Months, and the Lots to be purchased by Inhabitants of the County; But if not taken up by such Inhabitants within Six Months after Laying-out, then any Persons whatsoever to be at Liberty to take up such Lots, paying the Owners proportionably for the same. And such proportionable Payment shall give the Purchasers, their Heirs and Assigns, an absolute Estate of Fee-simple in the said Lots, they complying with the Requisites in this Act mentioned. (3.) The Surveyor to return a Plat of the Town to the County Clerk, to be by him kept among the County Records. (4.) In case the Takers-up of Lots refuse or neglect to build thereon, within 18 Months, an House to cover 400 square Feet, exclusive of Sheds, then it shall be lawful for any other Persons to enter upon such Lots, so as aforesaid not built on, paying to the Commissioners, or Person by them appointed to receive the same, the Sum first set and assessed upon such Lot, for the public Use and Benefit of the Town; and the building and finishing, within 18 Months after such Entry made, such House as in this Act is before appointed to be built by the first Taker-up, shall give as good an Estate to such second Taker-up and Builder, his Heirs and Assigns, as is by this Act settled upon the first Taker-up and Builder. (5.) Lots not taken up within Seven Years next after Publication of this Act, shall revert to the Owner of the Land. (6.) The Town to be called *Benedict-Leonard-Town*. (7.) The Commissioners to employ a sufficient Clerk, who (upon Oath) shall make true and impartial Entries of their Proceedings; which Entries, made up in a well bound Book, shall be lodged with the Clerk of *Charles County*, for the Inspection of any Person. (8.) No Inhabitants of the Town, shall keep within the same, any Swine, Geese, Sheep, Cattle or Horses, belonging to themselves, or any other Persons whatsoever, unless within their own Inclosures; and Persons convicted thereof, before a single Magistrate, shall pay 100^{lb} Tobacco for each Transgression, to be levied by way of Execution on the Offender's Body, Goods, &c. and applied to the Use of the County Free-School. (9.) A Saving of Rights to the Crown, the Lord Proprietor, all Bodies Politic and Corporate, and all Others not mentioned in this Act. (10.) Possessors of Lots to pay One Penny Current Money, *per Annum*, for each Lot, to his Lordship and his Heirs for ever.

C H A P. XXII.

A Supplementary ACT to the * Act for Stay of Execution after the Tenth of May. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 56.* Ditto.

* 1715; *ch. 33.*

BE it 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 where any Execution or Executions have been already issued before the Tenth of May last, or shall be issued before the Tenth of May, in any Year, against the Body or Goods of any Person or Persons, inhabiting within this Province; and the Person or Persons against whom such Execution or Executions have issued, or shall hereafter issue, were not, nor shall not be taken, by virtue of the said Execution or Executions, 'til after the Tenth of May, in any Year, that in all such Cases, it shall and may be lawful for the Person or Persons whose Body or Goods so taken, by virtue of such Execution or Executions as aforesaid, to supersede the same, in the same Manner as he, she, or they, might or could do, if in case the Execution or Executions had issued, or were to issue, after the Tenth of May, in any Year; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

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