

survey so made shall cause the Land to be marked staked and divided into
Lanes & Allies, with other publick places to be left, on which may be a Church Church
Court-house or other publick Building, and the remaining part of the said one hundred Acres to be
divided into one hundred equal Lots, marked on some Posts or Stakes towards the Streets or
Lanes with numbers 1 2 3 4 and so to an hundred, out of which Lots the owner of such lands
shall have the first choice for one Lot, during the space of one Year after the said 25th day of
February, except his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq: Governour of this Province, who
shall have the next immediate choice of one two or three Lots in each or either of the said
Towns if his Excellency so please; after which the Lots shall be taken up by the inhabitants
of the Countys only during six Months after laying out the same; and if the inhabitants shall
not take up the same Lots in the time aforesaid, it shall be then free for any person or persons
whatsoever to take up the said Lot or Lots paying the owner proportionably for the same.

And in case any person or persons shall wilfully refuse to make sale of any such lands therein
before mentioned, or any person or persons through coverture or non sane mensure or other im-
pediment or disability whatsoever, that then the Commissioners aforesaid nominated for each
respective Town are hereby authorized by vertue of this Act to issue out Warrants to the Sherif
of the said Countys, to empower him to impanel and return a Jury of Freeholders to appear
before the said Commissioners, which Jury upon their Oaths to be administered by the said Com-
missioners are to inquire & assess such damages and recompence as they shall think fit to be a-
warded to the owners and all persons interested, according to their severall & respective inter-
ests in the said land or any part thereof, and what sum of tobacco the said Jury shall adjudge
the said land to be worth shall be paid to the said owners & persons interested by such person
or persons as shall take up the said respective Lot or Lots proportionably thereunto, And the
said Commissioners or the major part of them are hereby empower'd by respective Warrants
under their hands & seals to summon the Surveyor General or the Surveyor of the County to
survey & lay out the said one hundred Acres in the places aforesaid in manner and form
aforesaid, to be marked & staked out as aforesaid, and when the same is surveyed laid out and
valued as aforesaid, that then whosoever shall make choice of any such Lot as aforesaid and
make entry thereof before and with the officer or person as by the Commissioners shall be ap-
pointed to keep the Book for entry of the same, and pay such sum or quantity of tobacco as
shall by the discretion of the Commissioners be rated upon such Lot and payable to the owner
of the said Land, and on such Lot shall build one twenty Foot square dwelling house at least
within twelve Months after taking up the same, unless such building be larger than herein ex-
press, shall by vertue thereof and of the building & finishing as aforesaid invest the taker up &
builder as aforesaid with an Estate of inheritance in the said Lot to him his heirs & assigns for
ever, and be a perpetual barr to the owners & persons interested in the said lands either within
or without this Province, even against his Lordship the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baron
of Baltimore Lord Proprietary of this Province his Heirs & Successors, yielding and paying to
the said Lord Proprietary his Heirs & Successors for ever, the Annual Rent of one penny cur-
rant money for each respective Lot as aforesaid, and that the Surveyor of each Town & Port
as aforesaid shall have and receive such fees & rewards for laying out & staking the Towns and
Lots as aforesaid as the Commissioners shall allow and settle and no more: And any person
or persons that shall build & inhabit in such Port or Town, and shall owe any sum or sums of
tobacco and will pay the same in such Town, he shall be allowed ten per cent for every hog-
shead of four hundred weight and upwards so paid in Towns, to be deducted out of the debt a-
foresaid, or pleadable in barr of the creditor.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid by & with the advice & consent afore-
said, that any person or persons that have heretofore taken up any Lot or Lots in either of the
Towns by vertue of any former Law of this Province and built thereon according to the same
former Law, they and every of them their heirs & assigns shall have & enjoy a good & true E-
state of inheritance to them and their heirs for ever under the Rents & Services herein mention-
ed, and the severall Lots so built on shall be deem'd & taken as part of the one hundred lots as
aforesaid, and the same town laid out as conveniently thereto as may be.

And Be it Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that at the Town & Port of Severn in An-
Arundel County shall be bought or valued by the Jury as before in this Act is mentioned, all
that parcel or neck of land called Levy-Neck Cove & Allons Cove, lying & adjoining or near
to the Town Land as aforesaid, or so much thereof as by the Commissioners shall be found
convenient to be fenced in and called the Town Common or Pasture, and paid for and fenced
in at the publick charge, and shall be for the publick use & service when need shall require, and
that the inhabitants of the said Towns shall not raise any Stock of Cattle or Hogs Horses or
Sheep more than what they can contain & raise upon their respective Lot or Lots & not more
at the discretion of the Commissioners of the said Towns.

An Act for punishment of persons suborning Witnesses or committing wilful & corrupt perjury.
Whereas several persons void of Grace and the Dread of the Almighty have and do still
continue for small profits accruing to themselves to commit wilful & corrupt perjury