

bly, made at a General Assembly, begun and held at the Port of *Annapolis*, the Second Day of *April*, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and six, Intituled, *An Act for Advancement of Trade, and Erecting Ports and Towns within this Province of Maryland*; One other Act, made at a General Assembly, begun and held at the Port of *Annapolis*, the Fiftieth Day of *April*, One thousand seven hundred and seven, Intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for Advancement of Trade, and Erecting Ports and Towns*; and One other Act, made at a General Assembly of this Province, held at the Port of *Annapolis*, the Twenty ninth Day of *November*, *Anno Domini* One thousand seven hundred and eight, Intituled, *An Additional Act to the Supplementary Act for the Advancement of Trade, and Erecting Ports and Towns within this Province, and for Sale of some Publick Lands and Buildings in the Town of St. Mary's, in St. Mary's County*; as by the several Acts of Assembly aforesaid, remaining upon Record in the Secretary's Office, may appear, relying and depending on the Benefits and Privileges in the said Laws granted, did enter and build upon such Lots, according to the Directions of the said Laws; Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons, that, during the Continuance of the beforementioned Laws, did take up a Lot or Lots, and thereupon build, according to the Dimensions prescribed by the said Laws, or any of them, in any Town-Land, laid out and allotted for a Town by the former Laws, or any of them, their Heirs or Assigns, shall have, hold, and enjoy, a good, sure, and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance, in Fee Simple, of, in, and to such Lot and Lots, so taken up and built upon, as aforesaid: Provided, That where the Owner of any Tract of Land, laid out for a Town by any of the aforesaid Acts, is unpaid for any Lot taken up and built upon, according to the Directions of the said Laws, such Owner may, after Request made, have an Action of Debt for the Value of such Lot, according to the Value of the Commissioners or Jurors impowered to value the same, by such former Law, against any Taker up or Owner of any such Lot or Lots, that hath not paid for the same, his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record within this Province, that can hold Plea of the same. Provided further, That this Act, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend to prejudice the Benefit of *Richard Bennett, Esq;* to such Part of Land, laid out for a Town, in *Worton Creek* in *Kent County*, whereon Houses, Orchards, and Improvements were, at the time of laying out that Town.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That where any Person or Persons whatsoever, have taken up any Lot or Lots, by virtue of the before recited Acts of Assembly, since the First Day of *August*, One thousand seven hundred and nine, and paid for the same to the Owner, but not built thereon, being discouraged by Her late Majesty's Disallowance of the said Acts, shall and may, by virtue of this Act, have the Money or Tobacco repaid him or them by the Person or Persons that received the same, their Executors or Administrators; and for Non-payment, after Demand made, to recover and sue for the same in any Court that may hold Plea thereof.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Lot and Lots, Parcel or Parcels of Ground, assigned for the Use of any Community, and paid for, and built upon, according to the Directions of any the aforesaid Acts, before Her said Majesty's Disallowance to the said Acts was notified, shall remain to such Community, for whose Use it was built, Her Majesty's Disallowance of the said Acts afterwards notwithstanding.

AND whereas sundry Persons have taken up Lots in divers Towns of this Province, and have begun to build, so that they have erected Frames, tho' not quite finished their Houses, according to the Directions of the aforesaid Town Laws; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Persons, who have taken up Lots, and erected Frames in such Towns, shall have and enjoy