

give Security the same Building to prosecute and finish within Two Years after the said Beginning and Laying the Foundation, as aforesaid; for the Publick Good of the Province, it shall and may be lawful for Her said Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or for their Chief Governour here, for the Time being, from Time to Time, to grant any such Twenty Acres of Land fit to build a Water-Mill upon, as aforesaid, together with free Egress and Regress to the said Water-Mill, either by Land, thro' any Man's Land next adjoining, or else by Water; together with Liberty to fall any Timber for building the said Water-Mill, other than Board-Timber, fit to cleave or split into Clap-boards, for any Time or Term not exceeding Eighty Years, then next to come, under the Yearly Rent of the Land then, by the Oath of Twelve Men, by Virtue of the Writ aforesaid returned, to be paid to the Owner of the said Land, so found and returned, as aforesaid: Which said Grant from Her Majesty, Her said Heirs and Successors, or from the Governour here, for the Time being, as aforesaid, shall be good and available in Law to the Grantee, as aforesaid, for any Term of Years not exceeding Eighty Years, as aforesaid, against all Persons whatsoever; any Law, Custom or Usage heretofore had, made or used within this Province to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*Provided always,* That before any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall have such Grant to build a Water-Mill as aforesaid, he or they shall enter into Bond to Her said Majesty, with Two sufficient Sureties, in the Sum of fifty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, with Condition to begin to build the said Water-Mill within One Year then next to come, and the Building to prosecute and finish within Two Years after such Beginning.

And for the great Advantage that is already found to the Province in general, by the Mills already built, some of which do stand upon Lands whereof the Title is doubtful, for Want of due Form of Conveyance, or of the last Wills and Testaments, by which the Lands have been conveyed or devised to the Builders of such Mills;

*Be it therefore Enacted,* That all and every such Person or Persons as aforesaid, who have built Mills, may have such Writ or Writs, as aforesaid, to enquire of the Yearly Value of the Land where such Mill doth stand, and of Ten Acres of Land on each Side of the said Run, as aforesaid; and upon Return of such Writ, as aforesaid, shall have a Grant from Her Majesty's Chief Governour here, as aforesaid, for any Term not exceeding Eighty Years, and yearly Rent return, as aforesaid, to be paid to the right Owner of the said Land, as aforesaid; any Law or Usage to the contrary hereof in any wise, notwithstanding.

*And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That from and after the Publication hereof, no Person or Persons whatsoever, having or that shall hereafter obtain any Grant for any Lands, whereof such Person or Persons are not the real Owners or Possessors thereof, and whereupon he, she or they have already built, or shall hereafter build a Water-Mill, as this Law hath before directed, shall have any Right, Title or Claim to any Land granted for any Time or Term whatsoever, after such Mill by him or them already built, as aforesaid, or that shall hereafter be built, shall be casually broke or gone to Decay, as aforesaid, other than Two Years for the new erecting, building, finishing and repairing of such Mill, as aforesaid; but that in all and every

Security required to be given, to begin to build in One Year after the Grant of Land is made.

Persons that have already built, may have a Writ to confirm their Title.

Two Years allow'd for repairing or rebuilding Mills.