

the said Lots and Parties claiming the same. And to the End that the respective Owners of any Parcels or Quantity of Lands lying within the Survey or Plat of the said City, may receive just and equitable Satisfaction from the several Claimers or Possessors of such Lots as may happen to fall within the respective Bounds they claim Property in,

*Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That* such respective Owners or Claimers of any Quantity or Parcel of Land lying within the said City, do appear before the said Commissioners, at or before the First Day of *August* next, or at any other Day or Time as the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall appoint or direct at the said City, and upon Oath by the aforesaid Commissioners or any of them, to be administered to them, declare whether or no they know or have heard of any Satisfaction or Payment for all or any Part of the said Lands heretofore made, to themselves or any others; by, from, or under whom they claim the same; and that at the same Time the said Claimers and Owners of such Quantities or Parcels of Land, make good, and shew to the said Commissioners their respective Rights and Claims to the aforesaid Lands, and receive such reasonable Satisfaction therefore from the respective Proprietors of Lots within such their Lands, as the aforesaid Commissioners, or the major Part of them shall direct; and that in Default of such Claim, and making good their several Rights to the aforesaid Quantities or Parcels of Land as aforesaid; they, the said Claimers and Proprietors, and their Heirs and Assigns shall be for ever hereafter precluded and barred from any Claim, Right or Interest thereto; and the aforesaid Quantities or Parcels of Land, shall be deemed to be held by the Owners of such Lots, under the like Rents and Services as other Lots and Lands within the City aforesaid, now are. And whereas, for the better Encouragement of poor Tradesmen to come and inhabit within the said City, and carry on their respective Trades therein, the Corporation of the said City have supplicated this General Assembly, That Twenty more small Lots should be laid and added to the said City.

*Be it therefore Enacted, by and with the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That* the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, by this Act nominated and appointed, shall cause Ten Acres of the Publick Pasture, lying on the *North* Side of the said City, and to the *Eastward* of the Ferry-Road that leads by the Hill whereon the Powder-House now stands, to be surveyed and staked out into Twenty Lots, to be taken up by any Person or Persons that shall build a Dwelling-House upon the same; according to the Directions of the aforesaid Act *For erecting Anne-Arundel and Oxford Towns into Ports and Towns*; which taking up and building upon as aforesaid, upon paying to the Proprietors of the said Ten Acres, what Sum the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall assess and award to be paid for each Lot, shall by Virtue of this Act, make and vest a sure and indefeazable Estate in Fee, in and to the respective Takers-up and Builders thereon; and to their Heirs and Assigns, in all or any the aforesaid Twenty Lots so to be laid out as aforesaid; any Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Provided nevertheless, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, That* no Person already possessing a Lot, or any Part of a Lot within the said City, shall have Liberty to take up any of the said Twenty Lots, for and during the Space of Two whole Years from the laying out