

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Leate or Leates so as aforesaid to be made, shall, and are hereby directed to be within Three Months from the date thereof by the Clerk or Register of the said Parish, for the Time being, at the request of the Lessee, entered verbatim on the Register Book of the said Parish, and there to be viewed and perused by any Person desiring the same, and who shall on Payment of a reasonable Fee or Reward, have a Copy thereof, or of such Part thereof as such Person shall think proper, and for which Entry so as aforesaid to be made in the Register Book, the Clerk or Register shall have and receive the Sum of Five Shillings Current Money, and no more; and which Entry when made as aforesaid, shall be deemed, taken and construed to be as good and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been acknowledged and entered among the aforesaid City, County or Provincial Records; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.*

Lease to be entered on the Register Book.

An Act for laying out and erecting a Town, at a Place called *Long-Point*, on the West Side of *North-East* River, in *Cæcil* County.

**W**HEREAS, the Encouragement of Trade and Navigation is the surest Means of promoting the Happiness and encreasing the Riches of every Country, and that such Trade is with the greatest Ease and Advantage carried on, when the same is drawn into and fixed in one or more convenient Places, whereby it appears, that erecting Towns and granting proper Immunities and Privileges for the Encouragement of People to inhabit therein, must greatly contribute to so desirable an End, and there being as yet no such Place settled at or near the Head of *Chesapeake* Bay, although from the great Extent of the Country round, and the Want of navigable Water above it, the same seems altogether necessary; It is therefore humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

Preamble.

*And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That Col. Thomas Colvill, Capt. Nicholas Hyland, Mr. Benjamin Pearce, Mr. William Alexander, Mr. Henry Baker, Mr. Zebulon Hollingsworth, and Mr. John Read, be, and are hereby impowered, authorized, and appointed Commissioners to put this Act in Execution, according to the Directions hereafter mentioned; that is to say, That the aforesaid Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall at some convenient Time, by them to be appointed and agreed upon, before the Twentieth Day of May next ensuing the End of this present Session of Assembly, meet upon a Parcel of Land commonly known by the Name of *Long-Point*, lying in *Cæcil* County, on the West Side of *North-East* River, and shall then, or at any other Time or Times to which they shall or may adjourn, with the Assistance of the Deputy-Surveyor*

Commissioners appointed to put this Act in Execution.