

An Act for laying out the Town a-new commonly called *Princess Anne Town*, in *Somerset County*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that the Bounds of the said Town, and Lots therein, are so obscure, that the same are scarcely known by the Owners or others; and that the Right of Lots not taken up in the said Town are not to be come at, from an Incapacity in the Proprietor or Proprietors to convey the same; which greatly discourages the further Improvement and Settlement of that Place, being convenient for Trade and Commerce. Wherefore it is prayed, that an Act of this General Assembly may pass, to lay out a-new the said Town, containing twenty-five Acres, as near as may be to the original Bounds thereof, without Injury to the Improvements therein already made.

Commissioners appointed for laying out the Town.

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, 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. Robert King, Col. George Gale, Col. George Dasbriel, Capt. Henry Ballard, Major John Elzy, Capt. Samuel Wilson, and Capt. John Dennis, be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners, and are, by Virtue of this Act, authorized and impowered to survey and lay out the same twenty-five Acres of Land formerly laid out for a Town, under an Act of Assembly made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the thirteenth Day of March, Anno Domini Seventeen hundred thirty and two, by the Name of Princess Anne Town, as agreeable as it conveniently may be to the original Survey, without incommodeing the present Settlements thereon; always having a Regard to the Ground already laid out for public Buildings, that the same be continued to that Use, and none other, for ever.

The Surveyor of the County, or some other skillful Person, to re-survey the said Town.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, be, and are hereby impowered and required at any Time, by them, or the major Part of them, to be appointed, before the first Day of May next ensuing this present Session of Assembly, to meet at the said Town, and call and take to their Assistance the Surveyor of Somerset County, or such other Person skillful in Surveying, as the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall think fit to choose, and then and there proceed carefully to re-survey the aforesaid twenty-five Acres of Land, and lay out the same into as many convenient Lots, as were heretofore in the said Town laid out, marked, and numbered One, Two, and so on to Thirty; with the same Streets, Alleys, and Lanes, as formerly laid out in the said Town, provided they do not incommode the present Settlements, nor the Ground appropriated to the Use of public Buildings before-mentioned.

Commissioners and Surveyor's Duty, in laying out said Town.

And be it further Enacted, that the said Commissioners shall cause the same Survey to be made, as near as possibly they can, agreeable to the original Survey of the said Town, and shall cause to be set up good substantial