

Lib. W. H. Authority in the s^d Act prescribed by pretext whereof & the Great difficulty of Getting so Great A number of the Comissioners together by Reason of their Remotenesse of habitation the shortness of time And want of survey^{rs} And other Impediments the execution of the s^d Act hath been Much Retarded Many of the s^d Towns ports & places: As yett not purchased layd out or surveyed: And very few or none layd out into Lotts And Staked out as by the s^d Act is Directed And the time for the doing thereof being now Elapsed soe Good and severall A Benefit for the Advancement of the Trade of this province by the said Act intended is like to be wholly frustrated. For prevention Whereof and to the Intent the said Act may bee put into speedy execution The Deligates And Deputies of this p^sent Generall Assembly Doe Humbly pray

p. 263 that it may bee Enacted And be it Enacted By the Right Hono^l the Lord Prop^{ry} by and with the Advice & Consent And Authority aforesaid That forthwith after The end of this present sessions of Assembly the severall and Respectiue Sheriffes within this province shall Giue notice to the severall and Respectiue Comissioners of the severall & Respectiue Countyes in the said Act named That they and every of them doe Meet together at the severall and Respectiue County Courts within this province to bee held in the moneth of June next there to Agree And Consent what shall be most needfull to be done for the more effectuall prosecuting of the powers and Authorityes in and by the said Act Given them: And every Comissioner in the said Act named not Appearing att the day & place Aforesaid or not Makeing sufficient excuse by writing or otherwise to bee Approved of by the said Comissioners or the Major part of them thⁿ present ffor such absence shall be fined one thousand pounds of Tobacco: to be levyed of his or their Goods and Chattells And to be disposed of by the Comissioners Afores^d of the severall Counties Aforesaid for and Towards the payment of labourers that Carry the Chayne and Getting Stakes and Assisting in the Staking out the severall Lotts in the severall Townes places & ports Aforesaid or to such other vses & in such Manner & pportion Indifferently as to them shall seeme Meet Att which said Generall Meeting of the Comission^{rs} of the severall Countys afores^d shall be p^sent the severall and Respectiue Sherriffe of the severall Counties Afores^d or their suffitient deputies; As Also the severall and Respectiue Deputy surveyours of the said severall Counties being therevnto by the Sheriffe alsoe sum^oned as Aforesaid then And there to Receiue such further orders and Directions as by the s^d Comissioners then present shall bee ordayed; And In Case the s^d Sheriffe or their