

Lib. L. L. This Act to continue for three years or to the end of the next  
 No. 64. Generall Assembly which shall first happen.

September 29 <sup>th</sup> 1704	September 29 <sup>th</sup> 1704
Read and assented to by the house of Delegates. W. Taylard Clk. house Del.	Read and assented by her Majestys honourable Councill W Bladen Cl Concil

Maryland Octob 3<sup>d</sup> 1704

On behalf of her Majesty &c I will this be a law.  
 Jo: Seymour

An Act for the encouragement of such persons as will undertake to build Watermills.

Dayly Experience sheweth that the want of Watermills is the true Cause that Husbandry in tilling the Ground & for Sowing of wheat and barley is but coldly prosecuted tho the Advantage thereby in raising the Stock of neat Cattle be great and for as much as most part of the places fitt for Setting  
 p. 11 up of Watermills are already in the hands of persons under age or unable to be at the Charge of building a Watermill or else such as are wilfully obstinate in forbidding and hindring such persons as would purchase the said places fitt for building watermills and sett them up to the encrease of our trade and Navigation much to the publiq Damage of the province.

Be it enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that if any person or persons from and after the publication hereof shall desire to sett up a Watermill upon any Land next adjoyning to any Runn of Water within this Province not being the proper possession or ffreehold of such person or persons nor leas'd to them to the Intent thereon to sett a Watermill they shall purchase a Writt out of Chancery directed to the sheriff of the County where such land lyeth requiring him by the Oath of twelve men of his County to enquire what damage it would be to her Majesty or others to have a Mill sett up in such place as aforesaid The fform of which writt followeth viz. Anne by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Queen Defender of the ffaith &c To the Sheriff of A. County Greeting Wee Comānd you that by the oaths of twelve Honest and lawfull men of the County by whom the truth of the Matter may be better known You dili-