

## ACTS.

Maryland Ss :

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the Town and Port of Annapolis in Ann Arundell County the fifteenth of May 1705 and in the fourth Year of her Majesty's Reigne &c :

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Were enacted the Laws following

An Act for the Relief of Ann Arundell County and all Persons concerned in the Records thereof lately burn'd.

Whereas the Records of Ann Arundell County being lodged in One of the upper rooms of the Publick Court house at Annapolis upon the eighteenth day of October Seventeen hundred and four were burned with the said house to the great loss and detriment of the Inhabitants of the said County and all Other Persons concerned in the Lands Judgments and Records in of and belonging thereunto.

For the redress and relief whereof it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted and be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and consent of her Majesties Governour Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that it shall and may be Lawfull to his Excellency her Majesties Governour of this Province for the time being by comission under the great Seal of this Province to Authorize Appoint and Commissionate Seven or more discreet and Sober Persons whereof any three or more of them from time to time to hear and determine all differences claimes and Demands whatsoever between any the Inhabitants or Other Psons interested in the Lands lying within the County af<sup>d</sup> at Such places within the said County as they or any three or more of them shall think fitt from time to time with or without any Adjournment Summarily and without the formality and Proceedings in Courts of Law or Equity either upon the verdict or inquisition of Jurors Testimony of Witnesses upon Oath Examination of Parties interested or by all or any the said ways (or otherwise according to their discretions) And that the Judgment or Sentence of the said Commissioners or any three or more of them as af<sup>d</sup> shall be finall between the said Parties their heires Executors Administrators & assignes and all claiming by from or

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