

of this province or any five of Them shall be and are hereby Authorized Impowered and required at any Time hereafter to appoint in the Severall and respective Countys of this province publick Landing Places where tobacco may be brought to in order to be water borne and Carryed to any Town of this Province or goods brought from any Town and Landed at such Landings for the use of The Inhabitants of this province which said Comissioners shall purchase of and from the owners of The Land where such Landing Places are half an Acre of Ground Convenient to such Landing place whereon to build rowling houses to be paid for to such owners by the partys to whom the same shall be allotted and if such Commissioners Cannot agree with the owners thereof or if the owners be absent out of this province or any ways Disabled from makeing such Sale the said Comissioners shall have the same Power and Authority to take up and Cause the same to be Surveyed and laid out as they have to survey and Lay out any Town Lands within this province and shall proceed therein in all things according to the powers and Directions by the said recited Town Law to them given and shall appoint what number of Rowling houses shall be built at Such Landing places and to whome the same shall appertaine and be allotted. Provided alwaies that such Land to bild Rowling houses upon shall not lye above two furlongs from the water in any County of this Province and That the Surveyors for doing the same shall be paid by the County Levy at the discretion of The Comissioners.

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And forasmuch as it hath been represented to this present Generall Assembly that the Port and Town on beckwith's Island in Petuxent River in Saint Mary's County doth not Containe one hundred Acres of Land and that it hath been Laid out and Divided into Lotts Leaving a strand next the River which proves very incomodious to and Disincurages many psons to build and settle There,

Be it Enacted that the Comissioners for Towns in St' Mary's County shall be are hereby Authorized Impowered and required on or before the said first day of September one Thousand Seven hundred and Seven Again to lay out and divide the same Island Called Beckwiths Island into Lotts Streets Lanes and Allies without any Strand to be left next the water and that the said Comissioners or any five of Them shall be and are hereby Authorized Impowered and required to Lay out so much Land on the said Island at such place as in Their Discretion they shall think meet and Convenient whereon to Erect fforts and Publick Buildings and The Land that shall remain after such Laying out of Ground for fforts and Publick buildings with Streets Lanes and Allies shall be

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