

Session
Laws appear before the said Commissioners at a certain Day or Time by them limited: Which Jury, upon their Oaths, shall enquire to whom the said Land belongs, and assess and return what Damages and Recompence they shall think fit to be awarded to the Owners of the said Twenty Acres of Land lying on each Side of the said River, and to all Persons interested therein, according to their several and respective Interests; and what Sum of Tobacco the said Jury or Juries shall adjudge the said Twenty Acres of Land to be worth, on each Side the said River aforesaid, shall be paid to the Owners so found by their Verdict, and to all Person or Persons they find interested therein, by such Person or Persons as shall take up the said Lots, proportionably to their Lot or Lots, which shall give the said Purchaser or Purchasers, their Heirs and Assigns, an absolute Estate in Fee Simple in the said Lot or Lots, he, she, or they complying with the requisites in this Act mentioned.

p. 29 And be it further Enacted, That the Surveyor of Queen-Anne's County, shall have and receive, for surveying and laying out the Town aforesaid, the Sum of Eight Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and no more, to be paid and allowed him by even and equal Portions, at the laying of the Levies in the abovesaid Counties; and that he return a Plat thereof to the Clerk of each County aforesaid, to be by them kept amongst the Records of the said Counties. And in Case the Taker-up of such Lot or Lots refuse or neglect to build upon such Lot or Lots, within Eighteen Months, an House that shall cover Four Hundred Square Feet, that then it shall and may be lawful for any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to enter upon the said Lot or Lots, so as aforesaid not built upon, paying such Sum of Tobacco as shall be first set and assessed upon such Lot, to the Commissioners aforesaid, or such other Person as the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall nominate and appoint to receive the same, for the Publick Use and Benefit of the said Town; and to be taken up the Second Time.

Provided always, That such Taker-up or Purchaser build and finish, within Eighteen Months after such his Entry made, such House, as in this Act is before limited and appointed to be built by the first Taker-up; which House so built, shall give and settle as good an Estate, to all Intents and Purposes, to such Second Taker-up and Builder, as aforesaid, his Heirs and Assigns, as is in and by this Act before limited and settled upon the First Taker-up and Builder. And in Case any of the said Lots shall be neglected to be taken up in the Town aforesaid, during the Term of Seven Years, next after the Publication of this Act, that then, and in such Case, the Owner, or Persons interested at first in such Land, shall, after such Time expired, be possessed and interested in the said Lot or Lots, as in their first and former Estate; any thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.