

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town aforesaid be called by the Name of Bridge Town.

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And be it further Enacted, That the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, employ some sufficient Person for their Clerk; and that they cause such Clerk to take an Oath, that he shall make true and impartial Entries of their Proceedings, and assess reasonable Fees for the said Clerk, to be paid him by the several Takers-up of the said Lots; which said Entries they shall cause to be made up in a well bound Book, and lodged with the Clerk of Queen-Anne's County Court, for the Inspection of any Person.

Saving to his most Sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, and to all Bodies Politick and Corporate, and all Persons not mentioned in this Act, their several and respective Rights; any thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, That every Person taking up, or being in Possession of any of the Lots taken up in the aforesaid Town, shall be chargeable with, and liable to the Payment of One Penny Current Money of Maryland, per Annum, for each Lot, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, and his Heirs, for ever; and that the Clerk of the said Commissioners, do transmit to his Lordship's Agent, an Account of all Lots taken up, pursuant to the Directions of this Act.

An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace

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For as much as it is requisite, That there be some Remedy for the Recovery of small Debts; and it being thought that the Jurisdiction of a single Justice of the Peace, by the Law heretofore made, is not extensive enough,

Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That in all such Cases, wherein the real Debt or Damage doth not exceed Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, or Fifty Shillings Current Money, it shall and may be lawful for any one Justice of the Peace, of each respective County wherein the Debtor doth reside, to try, hear, and determine, the Matter of Controversy, between the Creditor and Debtor, and upon full hearing of the Allegations and Evidences of both Parties, shall give Judgment according to the Equity and Right of the Matter; and if Need be, charge the Constable with the Body of the Debtor in Execution, who is hereby obliged and impowered, to carry the Person so committed, to the Sheriff of the County, together with a Certificate or Mittimus from such Justice, wherein shall be certified the Debt and Cost, whereof such Person shall be convict by him, to be safely kept, until Satisfaction, or other