

Liber LL, 4 Successors and all Bodies Politick and Corporall and all others not  
 Acts mentioned in this Act their Severall and Respective Rights.

Acts of An Act for the Relief of Benjamin Howard in making Good the  
 April, 1720, Survey of Howards Purchase.  
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Whereas it is made appear to this present Generall Assembly by record and Sufficient Evidence Viva Voce that a Certain John Howard late of Ann arundell County in the Year Seventeen hundred and three put a Common Land Warrant for Sixteen hundred Acres of Land duly purchased out of his Lordships Land Office into the hands of Dutton Lane then one of his Lordships Deputy Surveyors of Baltemore County, to be laid upon Six hundred and forty Acres of Land lying near to the branch of Bush River upon a branch leading into Deer Creek and that the said Dutton Lane by Virtue of the same Warrant Surveyed for the said John Howard, accordingly a parcell of Land reputed to Contain Six hundred and forty Acres and for the beginning or first boundary of the said Survey, the said Dutton Lane then and there marked two Chesnutts and one Hickory and then run North Eighty Seven degrees and a half Easterly from the said Beginning two hundred and Six perches to a White Oak which he then marked as another bounded tree of the said Land and from thence South by East two hundred and fifty perches to a Red Oak which he then marked as another bounded Tree of the said Land and thence run North Seventy three Degrees West one hundred Perches to two white Oaks and a Spanish Oak all w<sup>ch</sup> the said Dutton Lane then marked as one other boundary of the said Land, and thence run South Seventy Seven degrees West two hundred and twelve perches to a Chestnutt tree w<sup>ch</sup> he then marked as another bounded Tree of the said land and thence run Various Courses and distances till by a Straight line to the first beginning it included the said Quantity of Six hundred and forty Acres, that in a short time after the said Survey the said John Howard made his last Will & Testament and devised the said Six hundred and forty Acres of Land by the name of Howards Purchase to his son Absolute Howard and died Leaving the said Absolute Howard and his Son Benjamin Howard Infants of tender Years, that shortly after his Decease and before the said Dutton Lane made any return, of the Certificate of the said Survey he fled from this Province to Carolina to avoid the prosecution of his Creditors that the said Absolute Howard is now dead whereby the Right of the said Six hundred and forty Acres descended to the said Benjamin Howard, that it sufficiently appears the said Dutton Lane was fully Satisfied his Just dues for his Services as if they had been perfectly Completed and that he gave out in Speeches that he had made due return of the said Certificate,  
 483 but for that such Certificate appears not on Record and that it