

An Act to enable certain Commissioners therein named to lay out Forty Acres of Land into Eighty Lots, for a Town on *Indian River*, in *Worcester County*; as also Forty Acres of Land into Eighty Lots, at the Head of *Asseteague Creek*, at a Place commonly called the *Trapp*, for a Town.

Session
Laws
Chapter
XXIII.
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Acts are
1745 Ch. 30
and 1747
Ch. 12]
Preamble.

Whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly, by the Inhabitants of *Worcester County*, that there are Two very good and convenient Places for Towns, in *Worcester County*, the one situate on *Indian River*, at *John Massey's* and *Thomas Eydolat's* Dwelling Plantations, on the said River; and the other situate at the Head of *Asseteague Creek*, at a Place commonly called *Trapp*, very commodious and well situated for Trade and Commerce: And in as much as those Parts of the said County, contiguous to the said Situations, are destitute of Center for Trade, and that by encouraging Settlements there, the Inhabitants may be the better enabled to repel any Enemy's Landing on the Sea-Side of the said County.

Be it therefore 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 Capt. John Purnell, Capt. Thomas Robins, Col. John Henry, Capt. Parker Selby, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Joseph Miller, and Major Samuel Hopkins, shall be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners for Worcester County aforesaid, and are hereby authorized and impowered as well to buy Forty Acres of Land at each of the Places aforesaid, where it shall appear to them, or the major Part of them, to be most convenient for the Towns aforesaid, as to survey and lay out, or cause the same to be surveyed and laid out, in the best and most convenient Manner, into Eighty Lots, in each of the Towns aforesaid so to be erected.

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And be it further Enacted, That the Commissioners aforesaid, before nominated and appointed, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered and required, at some Time by them, or the major Part of them, to be appointed, before the last Day of November next after the End of this present Session of Assembly, to meet together on the Lands aforesaid, or at some other Place near and convenient thereto, and then and there treat and agree (if the same can be done upon reasonable Terms) with the Owner or Owners, or Person or Persons, interested in the said Eighty Acres of Land so to be laid out into the Towns aforesaid, for the Purchase thereof. And if it shall happen that the said Owner or Owners, Person or Persons, will not agree with the said Commissioners, for such Rate or Price as they the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall think reasonable, or shall refuse to make Sale of the same; or that through Non-age, Coverture, or any other Disability or Impediment, shall be disabled to make such Sales, that then and in any such Case the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall

Duty of said
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