

Liber H. S. and pay the Proprietor the Proportionable part of the Assessment  
 No. I thereon and also pay to the Corporation of Annapolis Five Shillings  
 Current Money Annually for the ground Rent thereof within Two  
 months after reasonable Request made that then it should and  
 might be lawful for the said Corporation into the aforesaid Parcel  
 or Lot of Ground to Re-enter that the said Robert Gordon some  
 Years after did Sell one Part of the Lot of Ground aforesaid to  
 Elizabeth Bennett and the other Part thereof to Ashbury Sutton  
 of both whom the said Horatio Samuel Middleton had Purchased  
 and with a good deal of Pains and Expencc had Built a good  
 Dwelling House, and made sundry other Valuable Improvements  
 p. 114 thereon, and that as that Part of the City had greatly increased in it's  
 Inhabitants who had good Houses and Improvements also since the  
 making the said Act in Seventeen Hundred and twenty three and  
 that the Lower or South West end of the Ship Carpenters Lot and  
 other Places in the said City had been thought both sufficient and con-  
 venient for the Encouragement of Ship Carpenters or others to build  
 Vessels &c. the Corporation of Annapolis on the Seventh Day of  
 May Seventeen hundred and forty six made a Bye Law entituled  
 A By Law to prevent the Dangers and Accidents which might arise  
 from Building Breaming or Graveing Ships Sloops Boats and other  
 Vessels whereby the said Horatio Samuel Middleton was prevented  
 from Complying with that Part of the Proviso in the said Robert  
 Gordons Act mentioned as related to the Ship Carpenter's business  
 and prayed Relief in the Premisses and that an Act might pass in his  
 Favour to confirm his Title to the said One hundred and twenty  
 Feet of Land at the North West or Upper end of the Ship Car-  
 penters Lot with the whole breadth thereof, along Prince Georges  
 Street and on the Dock in Annapolis by giving him and his Heirs  
 for Ever An Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple on paying the  
 yearly ground Rent Reserved and the proportionable Part of the  
 Assessment to the Proprietor exempted from carrying on the Ship  
 Carpenters business. And whereas it appears to this General Assem-  
 bly that the said Horatio Samuel Middleton his Petition is reasonable  
 and that he had signified his Intention to the said Corporation (who  
 had the Sole Right of Re-entry) by a Petition which he preferred  
 to them and by them Granted as appears by an Indorsement by their  
 Order on the said Petition Be it therefore Enacted by the Right  
 Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Con-  
 sent of his Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses  
 of Assembly and the Authority of the same. That the said Horatio  
 Samuel Middleton his Heirs and Assigns for Ever shall be and they  
 are hereby Vested in a good sure indefeazible Estate of Inheritance  
 in Fee simple of in and unto the aforesaid Quantity of One hundred  
 and twenty feet of Land in length along Prince Georges Street at the  
 Upper end of the said Lot with the whole breadth thereof to and  
 p. 115 with the Creek any Law Usage or Custom to the contrary notwith-