

Freeholders shall be satisfied, by the Certificate so produced, that Notice, according to the Directions of this Act, has been given, such Surveyor, in the Presence of such Freeholders whether the Parties concerned attend or not, shall proceed to run out and adjust the Lines of such Land, and set up the Boundaries thereof, as aforesaid. And that the Variation may for the future be accurately observed, and the Deviation of the Needle from the Direction it had at any particular Time, may at any future Time be certainly known,

Be it enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, for the Justices of each County Court, in this Province, and they are hereby directed and required, as soon as may be, after March Court next, to be held for each County respectively, to employ some discreet and skilful Person, at the County Charge, to take a true Meridian, at some convenient Place in each County, and cause to be set up and fitted for Observations, and kept in good Repair, Two durable Pillars of Brick, or Stone, in the Plane of such Meridian, at a proper Distance from each other, to stand and remain, as Marks of the true Meridian Line for each respective County, and at the County Charge, to provide one or more well graduated Theodolite or Theodilites in every County, which Theodolite or Theodilites, and no other, shall be used by every Surveyor, in surveying Lands in his respective County; and the Justices of each County, with the Surveyor of the same County, shall, in Twenty Days after the Meridian in their respective County shall be so taken, and Theodolite or Theodolites provided, accurately observe how much the Direction of the Needle of the said Theodolite or Theodolites vary, or differ from the said Meridian, and the Variation or Difference so observed, they shall cause to be noted down, with the Day and Year when the Observation and Trial was made, in a Book to be prepared for that Purpose, and kept by the Clerk of their respective Courts, among the Records thereof; and the Surveyor or Surveyors of each County, are hereby ordered and required, every Year, on the second Day of August Court, in the several Counties, if it shall be a Day fit to take an Observation, if not, on the next fit Day, to produce the Theodolite or Theodolites belonging to his or their respective County, and the same to try, at the Meridian Line, in the Presence of the Justices, or any Three of them that the Court shall appoint for that Purpose, and on every such Trial and Observation, whatever the Needle shall be found to have varied from the Direction it had at the last preceding Trial, the said Justices shall cause to be noted down, with the Time of making such Trial, in the Book aforesaid; and the Variation so found, upon such Trial and Trials, together with the Variation by this Act ordered to be allowed for the Time preceding the first Observation that shall be made, as above directed, shall be allowed in re-surveying the Lines and Courses of all Lands within this Province.