

and Slips of Vacancy adjoining to many Surveys, and it is highly reasonable the Person or Persons, to whose Land such Points or other small Vacancies join, should have a Preference in securing the same,

Be it therefore enacted, That whenever any vacant Land, not exceeding the Quantity of Fifty Acres, in any one Place, shall be hereafter discovered, the Person or Persons, to whose Land the said Vacancy joins, shall have the Pre-emption of such Vacancy; provided always, that if such Person or Persons, or some one of them, to whose Land such Vacancy shall adjoin, do not survey and take up the same within Twelve Months after Discovery and Notice thereof given to him or them, then it shall and may be lawful for any other Person to survey and take up the same; provided also, that when such vacant Land, so as aforesaid discovered, shall be contiguous to the Lands of any Minor or Minors, then Notice thereof shall be given to his or her or their Guardian, who shall, and is hereby required to take up and secure such Land, for, and in the Name of such Minor or Minors; and if the Profits of the Estate, over and above the Maintenance of such Minor or Minors, will not be sufficient to reimburse such Guardian for the Expence of taking up and securing such vacant Land, the said Minor or Minors shall be liable to his, her or their Guardian therefor, when he, she or they shall arrive at full Age, any Thing beforementioned in this, or any other Act of Assembly, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And whereas when Lands shall be hereafter surveyed and laid down, with Allowance for Variation, according to the Directions in this Act, it may be found that Houses, Fences, or other Improvements, will be left out of one Survey and included within the Lines of some other Tract, or taken by an elder Tract from a younger, or be left upon vacant Land, and it may be thought grievous to dispossess Persons of such Improvements made upon Lands to which they thought they had legal Title; for Prevention whereof,

Be it enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That in all Cases where it shall appear that by Means of the Allowance for Variation given by this Act, the Houses, or other Improvements that are upon any Tract or Parcel of Land, are left out of the Lines thereof and included within the Lines of any other Tract, or shall be taken by an elder Tract from a younger, the Person or Persons, out of the Lines of whose Land such Houses and Improvements are excluded, or who shall hold the younger Survey, from which an elder Survey shall take as aforesaid, shall have Liberty to remove the same; and if the Improvements so excluded, left out or taken away, shall consist of an House or Houses, in which the Person or Persons holding the same, or his, her or their Tenant or Tenants, doth, or do usually dwell, or any other valuable House that cannot easily be removed, the Owner or Owners of such Dwelling-