

Liber R. G. to the said Trustees for the poor in the said County and to all such  
 1774 Officers as shall be employed by them as by this Act is directed in  
 the Execution and Performance of the said Service.

[Persons prosecuted in pursuance of this Act may plead the general Issue, &c.]

And be it further enacted That if any person or persons shall at any Time or Times be sued or Prosecuted for any matter or thing by him or them done and executed in pursuance and Execution of this Act or of any Matter or thing in this Act contained such person or person shall and may Plead the General Issue and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence for his or their defence and if upon Trial a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become non suited or discontinued his or their suit then such Defendant or Defendants shall have and recover Treble Costs to him or them awarded against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs is or are unable to satisfy the same then it shall be paid and Satisfied by the Attorney who brought such Suit unless the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall give Security for the Costs to be approved of by the Court in which such suit is brought,

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[Trustees to choose a new one yearly instead of the First named Trustee.]

And to prevent Individuals being unreasonably burthened with the Execution of this Act as Trustees for the poor Be it enacted That at the Time of the meeting of the said Trustees for the Poor in the first week of January Yearly the said Trustees or the Major Part of them in the County aforesaid shall and may Elect and Choose one of the best Inhabitants of the same County to be a Trustee for the Poor of that County in the stead of the First named or Eldest of the said Trustees of the same County which said first Named or Oldest Trustee shall be and is by virtue hereof thence from discharged from his Office

By the Lower House of Assembly April 16<sup>th</sup> 1774  
 Read and assented to  
 Signed by Order  
 Jn.<sup>o</sup> Duckett Cl. Lo. Ho  
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On Behalf of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province I Will this be a Law  
 Rob.<sup>t</sup> Eden.

By the Upper House of Assembly April 16<sup>th</sup> 1774  
 Read and Assented to  
 Signed by Order  
 James Brooks Cl. Up. Ho

the great seal  
 in Wax appendant

No. 17 An Act confirming the Title of Lazarus Pumphy to the land therein Mentioned

[A private Act.]

Whereas it appears to this General Assembly upon Examining into the Truth of the Several Facts set forth in the Petition of Lazarus Pumphy of Ann Arundel County that a Certain Silvanus Pumphy late of the said County deceased being in his life time seized in ffee of and in a Tract of Land called Phantascoe lying and being in Ann Arundel County aforesaid and containing One Hundred Acres of land more or less some time in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and twenty Seven stipulated and