

ever, to the end of the next sessions of assembly ; this present sessions not having leisure fully to consider thereof.

Passed third of October, 1704, and recorded in liber L. L. No. 3, folio 170, one of the law records of the late province, now state of Maryland, remaining in and belonging to the office of the court of appeals for the western shore.

TH: HARRIS, JUN.

*Clerk Ct. Apps. W.S.*

At December session, 1704, chap. 98, a similar act of assembly was enacted.—Vide liber L. L. No. 3, folio 214.

At May session, 1705, chap. 10, a similar act of assembly was enacted.—Vide liber L. L. No. 3, folio 227.

At April session, 1706, chap. 1, a similar act of assembly was enacted.—Vide liber L. L. No. 3, folio 231.

*Note.*—The next session of assembly ended the fifteenth of April 1707

APRIL SESSION, 1715.

*No. 45. An act for ascertaining the bounds of lands within this province.*

For as much as at the first settlement of this province the heathen indian enemies were so very numerous and barbarous that both the persons desirous to purchase land and to settle and inhabit on the same, and also the surveyors appointed by the right honourable the Lord proprietary to survey, and lay out such lands to the said persons were deterred from making so strict a scrutiny into the true situation of the several rivers, creeks, and branches of this bay, so as to prevent the interference of the bounds, limited and appointed by the said surveyors, for each tract and from setting of the courses or measuring the true distances of lines directed, to run to the several trees, or other bounds then prescribed, to limit and bound the said several tracts of land, and also the surveyors themselves so appointed, were too often both very ignorant and negligent, in performing their duty therein ; and also for as much as the bounded trees by them formerly bounded, for very many of the said former surveys are dead, and so far lost and forgotten, that no remains or memory are left of the same and the other boundaries either of bays, rivers, creeks or branches, as also of courses and distances, so darkly and unskillfully exprest, that many great controversies and suites, have been and are daily moved thereupon, and no certain method as yet being prescribed for the speedy determination