

MARYLAND—MAY SESSION, 1717.

[Chapter 9.] *A supplementary act to the act for ascertaining the bounds of land within this province.*

Whereas an act of assembly of this province, entitled, “an act for ascertaining the bounds of land within this province,” hath been found to be of great use and general ease to such parts of its inhabitants as have had occasion to make use of the same ; but for as much as its defects could not be observed before the same was put in practice, some of which now appearing ; for remedy whereof it’s prayed that it may be enacted,

And be it enacted, by the right honourable the lord proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship’s governor, and the upper and lower houses of assembly, and the authority of the same, That whenever differences shall arise between any of the inhabitants of this province touching the bounds of their lands, and that if it shall so happen that either the complainant or defendant shall be related to the major part of the commissioners appointed in any county, or have any estate or claim of, in, or unto any lands contiguous to the lands in dispute, it shall and may be lawful for the remainder of such commissioners which are qualified, to nominate, appoint and chuse one or two good and lawful freeholders, (as the case shall require) dwelling in the said county, who after taking the usual oaths, shall be legally qualified to act with the remaining commissioners in all such disputes, (and no other) in as ample and effectual manner as any commissioners whatsoever, and shall demand and receive the same rewards for their trouble.

And whereas the provision in the aforesaid act for the commissioners already appointed, or hereafter to be appointed for ascertaining the bounds of land in each county, seems to admit of a dispute in respect of their allowance per day ; to prevent which for the future and to explain such ambiguous expressions, *Be it enacted*, by the authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, That each and every such commissioner already appointed, or hereafter to be appointed for ascertaining the bounds of land in each respective county, be allowed the sum of one hundred pounds of tobacco for each day they already have, or hereafter shall serve as commissioners, and no more.

And for as much as by the before recited act no provision is made for the commissioners of review, *Be it enacted*, by and with the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That there be allowed to each commissioner of review, the sum of one hundred pounds of tobacco for each day he shall serve and attend, and no more, to be paid by such of the contending parties as the said commissioners shall adjudge.