

enjoy and reap the benefit of the same, to all intents and purposes, as any other person or parties whatsoever.

*And further*, whereas sundry persons have likewise by their humble petition set forth, That some of the commissioners of the counties, and also commissioners of review for ascertaining the bounds of land, pursuant to the aforementioned act, have proceeded to make and have made their awards, decrees and determinations concerning the bounds of several lands, (wherein such petitioners were interested) and have awarded their lands to others, to their great prejudice, without their being made parties, and without giving such due notice of their proceedings to such petitioners, as, according to the true intent and meaning of the aforementioned act they ought to have done; by which means such petitioners have been precluded from making their just defence, and are left remediless by any other way or means whatsoever, unless specially provided for by a law for that purpose; *Be it therefore likewise enacted*, That all and every such person or persons whatsoever, interested in any of the lands within this province, concerning the bounds whereof either the commissioners of any of the several counties in this province, or commissioners of review, have made any award, decree, or determination to their prejudice, without having such notice to appear and make their defence, which they ought to have had, according to the true intent and meaning of the aforementioned act, such person or persons so prejudiced, as aforesaid, shall in no ways be concluded by any such award, decree, or determination whatsoever, but are hereby declared to be restored, and to stand upon the same foot as to any of the lands wherein they were interested (and awarded to others as aforesaid) as if such award, decree, or determination, or any other proceedings thereupon, had never been made; any thing in the aforementioned act, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And to prevent the great delays and disturbances that have been given commissioners in land affairs, by admitting attorneys and other loquacious and mercenary advocates to plead before them, for fees: *Be it likewise enacted*, That for the future no persons be admitted to plead as advocates before any such commissioners as aforesaid, unless they shall upon request of the said commissioners, or of either the parties, declare upon oath, That they have not received nor do expect or will receive any fee or reward whatsoever, for their assistance in such case.

*And be it likewise enacted*, That one act of assembly made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the twenty-sixth day of April, anno domini, seventeen hundred and fifteen, entitled, "An act for ascertaining the