

C H A P.
III.

N. B. This Act, though Disallowed by her Majesty, is referred to in 1715, *ch.* 32; and is therefore abridged as followeth:

(1.) Commissioners are appointed, and impowered to purchase and lay out the several Lands herein after mentioned for Towns, according to the Rules and Directions of 1706, *ch.* 14, viz.

Somerſet County,	50 Acres in <i>Senepuxent Neck</i> , on the Land of <i>John Walton</i> .
Queen-Anne's County,	50 Acres at the Mouth of <i>Tuckahoe Creek</i> , on the Land of Colonel <i>Nicholas Lowe</i> .
Kent County,	50 Acres at <i>Chester Ferry</i> , at or near the Place where the old Court-house stood.
St. Mary's County,	50 Acres at <i>Sheppard's Old Fields</i> , near the Head of <i>Britton's Bay</i> , on the Land of <i>Philip Lynes, Esq;</i>

Each Town to be laid out and divided into 100 Lots, at the Discretion of the Commissioners. (2.) The County Court, for *St. Mary's County*, to be held and kept for the future, at the Town to be Erected in *Sheppard's Old Fields* as' aforesaid, and the Court-house to be built there. (3.) If any Persons who have taken up Lots, and made any Improvements thereon, in any Town in this Province, and have paid for the same, by virtue of the said Acts of Trade; such Person so taking up the same, &c. on erecting and finishing one good House, to contain 400 square Feet without Sheds, at or before the last Day of *November 1709*, shall, by virtue thereof, have, hold and enjoy to them, and their Heirs for ever, a good Estate of Inheritance, in Fee-simple, of, in and to the said Lots so built, or to be built upon as aforesaid, with all Rights and Privileges thereto belonging, in as ample Manner, &c. as if the said Lots had been built upon within the Time appointed by the Acts of 1706, *ch.* 14, and 1707, *ch.* 16, or any Act, &c. (4.) The Commissioners by this Law appointed for *St. Mary's County*, to lay out a Town therein, are impowered to expose to Sale the Public Buildings, and Lands thereto belonging, in the Town of *St. Mary's*, and to render an account of the Produce to the next Session of Assembly, to be appropriated to the Use of the Public.

C H A P. IV.

Passed 17th
Dec. 1708.

An ACT for settling the Rates of foreign Silver Coins, within this Province. *Lib. LL. N^o 3. fol. 351.*

Preamble, reciting the Queen's Proclamation of 18th June, 1704,

and the English Statute of 6 Anne.

WHEREAS her Majesty, having had under Consideration the different Rates at which several Species of foreign Coins do pass in her several Plantations, and the Inconveniencies thereof, by the indirect Practice of Drawing the Money from one Plantation to another, did issue her Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the Eighteenth Day of *June 1704*, for settling and ascertaining the current Rate of foreign Coins in her said Plantations, at Rates therein limited: And it being observed, that the said Proclamation did not procure the desired Effect, it was, in the Sixth Year of her present Majesty's Reign, by the Parliament of *England* enacted, in an Act, entitled, *An Act for ascertaining the Rates of Foreign Coins in her Majesty's Plantations in America*, That no Person, after the First Day of *May*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord 1709, account, receive or pay, any the several Species of foreign Silver Coin mentioned in the said Proclamation, at any greater Rate than at which the same is thereby settled, without being subject to the Pains and Penalties therein mentioned, by which it is conceived, that her gracious Majesty is desirous to restrain our neighbouring Plantations, under Proprietors, from taking such Advantages as they have hitherto practised against us, under her immediate Commission and Government, in restraining them from advancing the Rates of Silver Coin, higher than in the said Proclamation is allowed; and allowing us to come up to the said Rates; it is humbly prayed that it may be enacted;

From the 1st May 1709, the following Species of Silver Coins to pass current in this Province at the Rates mentioned in the Table.

II. And be it Enacted, by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of *May*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Nine, the several Species of foreign Silver Coin, mentioned in the said Proclamation, shall pass and be current in this Province at the Rates therein mentioned, (*That is to say,*) A Piece of Eight of *Sevill, Pillar and Mexico*, weighing Seventeen Penny Half Penny Weight, and of Four Shillings and Six-pence intrinsic Value, shall pass current at Six Shillings; and all other foreign Coin shall pass proportionably thereto, according to their Weight and Fineness (as by the Table hereunto added is set forth) for the Discharge of any