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XXXII.built upon,  
and improved  
under the said  
Laws, con-  
firmed.

that, during the Continuance of the before mentioned Acts of Assembly, did take up, pay for, or tendered, or were ready to pay for any Lot or Lots of Land, in any Town Land laid out and allotted for Town Lands, by the former Laws, or any of them, and of the same Lot made due Entry, and hath built and improved upon the same, and followed the Directions of the above mentioned Laws, they, the said Person or Persons, so taking up, entering, building upon, and following the Directions of the said Laws, their Heirs and Assigns, shall have, hold and enjoy, a good, sure, and indefeazable Estate of Inheritance, in Fee-simple, of, in, and to every such Lot and Lots of Land, so taken up and built on as aforesaid, (according to the said Laws and Directions) to them and their Heirs for ever, as fully, freely and amply, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said former Laws were still in Force, and had never been repealed.

Proviso.

III. **Provided** always, That where any Person or Persons that hath or have so taken up, built and improved, and hath not paid the Price set upon the same, that every such Person is hereby enjoined to pay the said Value of the said Lot to the Owner and Claimer of the Land, upon Demand, without Fraud or Covin.

Recital of o-  
ther Acts dis-  
allowed by  
her late Ma-  
jesty, viz.

1706, ch. 14.

1707, ch. 16.

1708, ch. 3.

The Titles to  
Lots taken  
up, and built  
upon under  
those Laws,  
confirmed.

IV. **And whereas** it is represented to this present General Assembly, That several of the Inhabitants of this Province, and Others, that have taken up several Lots, in several Town Lands, laid out and surveyed for Towns according to the Directions of several Laws of this Province lately made, (*That is to say,*) One Act of Assembly made at a General Assembly begun and held at the Port of *Annapolis*, the Second Day of *April*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Six, entitled, *An Act for Advancement of Trade, and erecting Ports and Towns within this Province of Maryland*; One other Act made at a General Assembly begun and held at the Port of *Annapolis*, the Fifteenth Day of *April*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for Advancement of Trade, and erecting Ports and Towns*; and one other Act made at a General Assembly of this Province, held at the Port of *Annapolis*, the Twenty-ninth Day of *November*, *Anno Domini* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eight, entitled, *An Additional Act to the Supplementary Act for Advancement of Trade, and erecting Ports and Towns within this Province, and for Sale of some Public Lands and Buildings in the Town of St. Mary's, in St. Mary's County*, as by the several Acts of Assembly aforesaid, remaining upon Record in the Secretary's Office may appear, relying and depending on the Benefits and Privileges in the said Laws granted, did enter and build upon such Lots, according to the Directions of the said Laws; **Be it therefore Enacted**, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons, that, during the Continuance of the before mentioned Laws, did take up a Lot or Lots, and thereon build according to the Dimensions prescribed by the said Laws, or any of them, in any Town Land laid out and allotted for a Town by the former Laws, or any of them, their Heirs and Assigns, shall have, hold and enjoy, a good, sure and indefeazable Estate of Inheritance, in Fee-simple, of, in, and to such Lot and Lots so taken up and built upon as aforesaid.

But Owners  
of the Land  
may have Ac-  
tion of Debt,  
for the Value  
set thereon,  
against the  
Possessors of  
Lots which  
have not been  
paid for.

V. **Provided**, That where the Owner of any Tract of Land, laid out for a Town by any of the aforesaid Acts, is unpaid for any Lot taken up and built upon according to the Directions of the said Laws, such Owners may, after Request made, have an Action of Debt for the Value of such Lot, according to the Value of the Commissioners or Jurors, empowered to value the same, by such former Law, against any Taker-up, or Owner of any such Lot or Lots that hath not paid for the same, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record within this Province, that can hold Plea of the same.

VI. **Provided**