

Crown, the Lord Proprietor, &c. (9.) Possessors of Lots to pay One Penny Current Money C H A P. per Annum, to the Lord Proprietary and his Heirs for ever. XIV.

See the Supplementary Act of 1745, ch. 9, whereby this Town is incorporated with Baltimore-Town.

C H A P. XV.

An Act for the erecting a Town at the Head of Wiccomoco River, in Somerset County, for laying into Lots Fifteen Acres of Land in the Fork thereof, and at the Landing commonly now called Handy's, or Carr's, Landing. Lib. Passed 8th August 1732. B.L.C. fol. 49.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) Commissioners impowered to purchase, &c. Fifteen Acres, Part of a Tract of Land at the Head of Wiccomoco River, in a Fork thereof, now in Possession of William Winder, a Minor, commonly known by the Name of Pemberton's Good-Will, lying most convenient to the Water, and to cause the same to be surveyed and laid out into 20 Lots, allowing sufficient Space for Streets, &c. with Posts towards every Street, &c. and the Lots for better Distinction, to be Numbered from One to Twenty. (2.) The Owner to have his Choice for two Lots, after which the remaining Lots to be taken up by others: No Person to take up more than one Lot during Four Months after laying out the Town; and the Lots to be taken up by Inhabitants of the County; but if all the Lots be not taken up by such Inhabitants in Six Months, then any other Persons to be at Liberty to take up the same, paying the Owner proportionably for the same: And such proportionable Payment shall give the Purchasers of such Lots, their Heirs and Assigns, an absolute Estate of Fee-simple therein, they complying with the Requisites in this Act mentioned. (3.) The Surveyor to return a Plat of the Town to the County-Clerk to be by him kept among the County Records. (4.) Takers-up of Lots refusing or neglecting to build thereon within 18 Months, an House to cover 400 Square Feet; such Lots, so not built upon, may be taken up by any other Person, paying the Sum first set on such Lot to the Commissioners, or Person by them appointed to receive the same, for the Public Benefit of the Town. And such House, as in this Act is before limited and appointed, being built within 18 Months by such second Taker-up, shall give him, his Heirs, &c. as good an Estate therein, as is by this Act settled upon the first Taker-up and Builder. (5.) Lots not taken up during Seven Years next after Publication of this Act, shall revert to the first Owners of the Land. (6.) The Town to be called Salisbury-Town. (7.) The Commissioners to employ a sufficient Clerk; who, upon Oath, shall enter all their Proceedings; which Entries, made up in a well bound Book, shall be lodged with the Clerk of Somerset County Court, for the Inspection of any Person. (8.) A Saving of Rights to the Crown, the Lord Proprietor, all Bodies Politic and Corporate, and all others not mentioned in this Act. (9.) Possessors of Lots to pay One Penny Current Money per Annum to his Lordship and his Heirs for ever. (10.) The aforesaid William Winder to have Liberty to build, &c. upon the two Lots chosen for him, so as the same be finished within 18 Months after his Arrival at full Age, &c.

C H A P. XVI.

An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, 'An Act for the Relief of the Devisees of Ditto. James Phillips the Elder, and Anthony Phillips, late of Baltimore County, deceased. Lib. B.L.C. fol. 50. PR. 1724, ch. 15.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT to encourage Adventurers in Iron-Works: Lib. B.L.C. Passed 8th August 1732. fol. 52.

Explanatory Act 1736, ch. 17; See also 1750, ch. 14.

WHEREAS the making of Iron within this Province, will be advantageous to the Trade of Great-Britain, as well as beneficial to the People of Maryland; Preamble.

II. Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, White Men 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 no White Man, employed about Iron-Works, shall who shall be employed in any Manner about Iron-Works, or in providing any Materials of any Nature or Kind soever, for the Furtherance and Carrying on any Iron-Work, or making of Iron, shall be obliged to attend at Musters, except upon very extraordinary Occasions. And that no White Man or Slave so employed, shall be obliged to clear, or assist in clearing, any Highways or Roads, or in building of any Bridge or Bridges. not be obliged to attend Musters, except on very extraordinary Occasions,

The Explanatory Act of 1736, ch. 17, restrained the Exemption from assisting on the Public Roads, to such only as were constantly employed in carrying on Iron-Works. But by 1750, ch. 24, Owners, &c. of Iron-Works are obliged to send one out of every Ten Persons employed in such Works, to assist upon the Highways, &c.

III. Provided always, That no White Man or Slave, who shall be employed in making Tobacco, shall have any Exemption. unless employed in making Tobacco.

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