

## C H A P. XVII.

Passed 6th  
May 1736.

\* 1732, ch. 17.

Preamble.

An Explanatory ACT of the Act, entitled, \* An Act to encourage Adventurers in Iron-Works. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 156.*

WHEREAS by the said Act it is Enacted, That no White Man or Slave, who should 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, should be obliged to clear, or assist in clearing, any Highways or Roads, or in building of any Bridge or Bridges; with Proviso, that no White Man or Slave, who should be employed in making Tobacco, should have any Exemption.

Abuses committed under colour of 1732, ch. 17, §. 2.

II. And whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly, That some Iron-Works are seated on Main Roads, and that several of the Inhabitants of this Province, living contiguous to such Works and Roads by them used, are not Makers of Tobacco, and yet occupy and tend Plantations, and that to screen themselves from clearing or repairing the Roads contiguous to Iron-Works, enter into the Service of the Undertakers of such Iron-Works, for some short Space of Time, whereby there are not a sufficient Number of Inhabitants left to clear the said Roads: For Remedy whereof for the future, it is prayed it be Enacted;

None but such as are constantly employed in Iron-Works, shall be exempt from clearing Roads, &amp;c.

III. 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 none of the Inhabitants of this Province, their Servants or Slaves, who are not in actual Service, or shall not be constantly Employed in carrying on Iron-Works, shall be exempt from clearing and repairing the said Roads.

*Examined and Compared with the Original Act,* REVERDY GHISELIN,  
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\* But by 1750, ch. 14, the Owners, &c. of Iron-Works are obliged to send One, out of every Ten labouring Persons employed in such Works, to assist upon Highways.

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An Act for the Relief of Isaac Tunney, a languishing Prisoner in Talbot County Goal; William Pratt, in the same Goal; Richard Standforth, in Charles County Goal; and Samuel Steel, in Queen-Anne's County Goal. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 157. PR.*

## C H A P. XIX.

Ditto.

An Act for erecting a Town in Cæcil County, on the North side of Sassafras River, at a Place known by the Name of Pennington's Point, on the Tracts of Land called Buntington, and Happy Harbour. *Lib. B.L.C. fol. 160.*

N. B. By this Act, (1.) Certain Commissioners are appointed and impowered to purchase, (by Agreement with the Owner, or Valuation of a Jury) Thirty Acres of Land, out of the Tracts aforesaid, and the same to lay out into 60 equal Lots, to be erected into a Town. (2.) The Owners of the Land to have the first Choice, the remaining Lots to be taken up by others. (3.) No Person to take up more than one Lot during the first Four Months, nor any other than Inhabitants of the County within Six Months after laying out, and then any others may take up Lots, paying the Owners of the Land proportionably for the same, which shall give such Purchasers, their Heirs, &c. an absolute Estate in Fee-simple in such Lots, they complying with the Requisites of this Act. (4.) The Surveyor to return a Plat of the Town to the County Clerk to be kept by him among the County Records. (5.) In case any Takers-up do not build upon such Lots, within Two Years, a House to cover Four Hundred square Feet, with a Brick Chimney, then any other Person may enter upon such Lot, so not built upon, paying such Sum to the Commissioners, &c. as was first set thereon, for the Public Use of the Town: And such second Taker-up, building and finishing within Three Years such House as is by this Act limited and appointed, shall thereby acquire as good an Estate to him and his Heirs, as is by this Act before settled upon the first Taker-up and Builder. (6.) In case any Lots remain not taken up within 10 Years from the Publication of this Act, then shall the Owner of the Land be possessed and interested in such Lots as in his first and former Estate. (7.) The Town to be called *Frederick-Town*. (8.) The Commissioners to employ a Clerk, who shall make true Entries of their Proceedings, on Oath, which Entries to be made up in a bound Book, and lodged with the Clerk of Cæcil County Court, for the Inspection of any Person. (9.) A Saving of his Majesty's, the Proprietary's, &c. Rights. (10.) Possessors of Lots to pay One Penny Sterling *per Annum* to his Lordship for ever for each Lot. (11.) The Land to be laid out with as little Detriment as possible to such Persons as had already purchased Lots in the said Land, which former Purchasers to have as good Title to their several Lots as any After-Purchasers, by virtue of this Act, may have.

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