

MARYLAND, sc.

At a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the Town and Port of Annapolis, in Anne-Arundel county, the fifth day of September, and ended the third day of October, in the third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoque Domini* one thousand seven hundred and four,

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN SEYMOUR, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR,

AMONGST OTHERS THE FOLLOWING LAWS WERE ENACTED, TO
WIT:

CHAP. XXIV.

An Act for Quieting of Possessions, Enrolling Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers. Lib. LL. No. 3, fol. 50. Passed 30 October 1704.

A new Law made, 1715, ch. 44.

FORASMUCH as a good and beneficial law*, entitled, An act for quieting of possessions, was made the twenty-seventh day of March, *Anno Domini* one thousand six hundred seventy and one, in this province, which by the use thereof hath been found very much conducing to the benefit of the said province;

* 1671, ch. 6.

1. BE IT THEREFORE 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 all sales, gifts and grants, at any time before the thirteenth day of April one thousand six hundred seventy and four, (and not after) of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, within this province, by any person or persons whatsoever, that had right to sell, give or grant, such lands, tenements or hereditaments, made by writing only, with or without seal, shall forever hereafter be accounted good and available in law to bar the heirs of such vendors, donors or grantors, any error in the form only of such writing to the contrary notwithstanding.

The act of 1671 approved, and all sales, &c. before the 13th of April 1674, confirmed.

2. AND forasmuch as divers assignments of patents, written on the backside of such patent, for land, are now worn out, and also other sales in paper either worn out or quite lost, for which the purchase money had been *bona fide* paid, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That all sales, gifts, or grants, at any time before the said thirteenth day of April one thousand six hundred seventy-four, made by persons that right had as aforesaid, if either the sale, gift, grant, or payment, *bona fide*, can be proved by witnesses, such sale, gift or grant, shall forever hereafter be accounted good and available in law to bar the heirs of such vendors, donors or grantors, or any person claiming dower from such vendor or donor, or grantor, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Sales, &c. before the 13th of April 1674, without writing, to be valid, if either the sales, &c. or consideration paid, be proved by witnesses.

3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid, That all sales and grants of any lands, tenements

Sales, &c. made by deed indented