

dred pounds of tobacco for each day they already have, or hereafter shall serve as commissioners, and no more.

Allowance to com.
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3. AND forasmuch as by the before recited act no provision is made for commissioners of review, BE IT ENACTED, *by and with the authority, advice and consent aforesaid*, That there be allowed to each commissioner of review, the sum of one hundred pounds of tobacco for each day he shall serve and attend, and no more, to be paid by such of the contending parties as the said commissioners shall adjudge.

This act together with the original act of 1715 ch. 45 were repealed by 1718 ch 18, which his Lordship dissetted to.

1718.

MARYLAND, sc.

At a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, in the County of Anne-Arundel, the twenty-second day of April, and ended the tenth day of May, in the third year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, &c. *Annoque Domini* one thousand seven hundred and eighteen,

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN HART, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR,

AMONGST OTHERS THE FOLLOWING LAW WAS ENACTED, TO WIT:

CHAP. XVIII.

Passed 16th May, 1718. *An Act ascertaining the Bounds of Land within this Province.* Lib.

LL. No. 4, fol. 410.

The reason of the
law.

Forasmuch as at the first settlement of this province, the heathen Indian enemies were so very numerous and barbarous, that both the persons desirous to purchase lands and to settle and inhabit the same, and also that surveyors appointed by the right honourable the lord proprietary to survey and lay out such lands to the said persons, were deterred from making so strict a scrutiny into the true situation of the several rivers, creeks and branches of this bay, so as to prevent the interference of the bounds limited and appointed by the said surveyors, for each tract, and from settling off the courses or measuring the true distances of lines directed to run to the several trees or other bounds there prescribed to limit and bound the said several tracts of land, and also the said surveyors themselves so appointed, were too often both very ignorant and negligent in performing their duty therein; and also forasmuch as the bounded trees by them formerly bounded, (for very many of the said former surveyors are dead,) and so far lost and forgotten, that no remains or memory are left of the same, and the other boundaries, either of bays, rivers, creeks or branches, as also of courses and distances, so darkly and unskillfully exprest, that many great controversies and suits have been and are daily moved thereupon, and no certain method, as yet, being prescribed for the speedy determination thereof, but a course at common law, and