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nuisance in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, obligate himself, agreeable to the directions of the said act, to change the surface of the said marsh into firm and dry ground, in order to remove the nuisance; that he hath, at a considerable expence, and with great labour and industry, happily accomplished the undertaking, by converting the said marsh into firm ground; that certain commissioners were appointed by the said act to lay out the said Marshy-ground into streets, lanes and alleys, and that the same, when so surveyed and laid out, should be deemed and taken as part of Baltimore-town; that the commissioners nominated therein had the same surveyed and laid out into streets, lanes and alleys, as an addition to Baltimore-town; and that the altering and laying out anew the said streets, lanes and alleys, and opening a canal leading from Baltimore-street to the basin, would render the adjacent lots more convenient, conduce much to the advantage of that part of Baltimore-town, and be the means of effectually draining the said marsh, without occasioning any detriment to the public: And it appearing reasonable to this general assembly that the prayer of the said petition should be complied with;

T. Harrison
to lay out the
streets, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said Thomas Harrison, and he is hereby empowered and required, with the approbation and consent of the commissioners of Baltimore-town, or a majority of them, to survey the said ground, and to alter, amend, and lay out anew, the streets, lanes, and alleys thereof, and to open a canal from Baltimore-street to that part of the north-west branch of the river Patapsco commonly called the Basin.

Lots so laid
out to be part
of Baltimore-
town, &c.

III. *Be it further enacted,* That the lots of ground, streets, lanes and alleys, when so altered, amended, and laid out anew, according to the directions of this act, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, part of Baltimore-town aforesaid, and shall have all the immunities, privileges and advantages, the rest of the said town hath, or by former laws ought to have, as fully and amply as if the same had been originally included therein.

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IV. *Provided always,* That the streets, lanes and alleys, when altered, amended, and laid out anew, in manner aforesaid, and the canal so to be opened, shall not run through the ground of any other person whatever, without the consent of such person first obtained, any thing contained herein to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT for the relief of Joseph Cowman, of Anne-Arundel county. PR.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT to empower the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, to exchange certain lands with Thomas Harrison, for the use of said parish, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Both pieces of the land required to be exchanged, were delineated on a plot annexed to the vestry's memorial to the legislature, and there are to be mutual conveyances between the parties. The land of Harrison, when conveyed to the vestry, is to serve as a street, by the name of New-church street, and, like other streets, to be under the direction of the town commissioners. Further, the vestry are empowered to lay out a couple of lots belonging to them, called Number Seventeen and Number Eighteen, into smaller lots, and, after giving four weeks public notice in the Baltimore newspapers, by indenture to lease them, on such covenants and conditions as they shall think proper, for any term not exceeding ninety-nine years, or for ninety-nine years with a covenant of renewal from time to time for ever. The rents are to be applied entirely to the maintenance of a minister or reader.

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An ACT for securing the title of the proprietors of lots and houses in Charles-town, in Charles county.

It constitutes three commissioners, any two of whom, on or before the 15th of March next, may direct the county surveyor to make out, agreeably to their instructions, a new plot of the said town, ascertaining the rightful extent of each street and lot. And to enable them to render this service, they are authorized, upon giving ten days notice of the time and place of their meeting, to issue their summons, agreeably to the request of any proprietor of ground, for witnesses, whom they shall examine on oath, and who, for every neglect or refusal to obey such summons, shall forfeit the sum of £. 50.

Their plot, when finished, is to be recorded, and considered as the true plot of Charles-town; and the proprietors of lots and houses shall be invested with as ample a right therein as if the original plot had never been torn or defaced.

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