

C H A P. XXXVIII.

An ACT for the relief of Robert Long, of Baltimore county. PR.

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An ACT to empower the commissioners of Baltimore-town to make a correct survey of the said town, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS a number of the inhabitants of Baltimore-town, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that great inconveniencies have arisen from the uncertain location of the lots in said town, the boundaries thereof in many instances not being to be found, and that still greater confusion is apprehended from the variation of the compass, unless the commissioners of the said town are authorized to make a general and correct survey of the whole town, and establish permanent boundaries throughout the same to perpetuate the true location thereof: And whereas it is further represented, that a number of the inhabitants of the said town have made and extended several parcels of ground out of the waters of Patapsco river, adjoining the said town, under an act of assembly for that purpose, which they are desirous should be surveyed and laid off into streets, lanes, alleys and canals, and added to and made part of Baltimore-town: And whereas also, the streets, lanes and alleys, in several of the additions made to the said town, have heretofore been so negligently laid out, as not to correspond with the other streets throughout the said town; it is therefore prayed, that the commissioners of Baltimore-town be vested with powers to remedy the grievances complained of;

Survey to be made, &amp;c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners of Baltimore-town aforesaid, or a major part of them, be authorized and required, after giving six weeks notice in the Baltimore news-papers of the time, place and intentions, of their meeting, and after having taken an oath before some magistrate of Baltimore county, to be recorded with their proceedings, well and truly to execute the trust reposed in them by this act, without prejudice, partiality or favour, to cause a correct and general survey of the several additions throughout the said town to be made, according to the true original location thereof, to be ascertained by proof of such location where it can be had, or by a proper allowance for the variation of the compass, where proof of the original location cannot be had, having a regard, in the calculation of the variation of the compass, to any proof which may be made to parts of such original location, so as to make the lines upon which an allowance for variation may be made, correspondent as nearly as may be with the parts proved as aforesaid, and to establish and fix permanent boundaries of stone throughout the same, with proper marks and devices thereon, to ascertain in future the true location of the several lots in every part of the said town, and to cause a correct plot, with proper explanations of the same to be made, together with the proof by them taken, and the reasons which governed them in fixing such boundaries where no proof of the original running can be obtained, and returned to the town clerk, who is hereby directed to enter the same on record among the records of said town.

Proviso.

III. *Provided always, and be it enacted,* That if any person shall apprehend himself aggrieved by the determination of the said commissioners in the premises, such person may, within three months next after such determination, appeal from the same to the general court of the western shore, which court shall have full power and authority to hear and determine such appeal, and to make all orders necessary for obtaining full information upon the subject of dispute, and shall hear such appeal at the first court, if it can be done with justice to the parties, and the judgment and determination of the said court shall be final, and being certified to the commissioners aforesaid, they shall act in conformity thereto in completing their survey and location aforesaid.

Streets, &amp;c. to be laid out anew, &amp;c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them, are hereby empowered and required, on application of the proprietors of  
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