

An Act concerning deserted Plantations

Whereas divers persons who have heretofore taken up land within this Province have Neglected the Seating thereof for along time And others that have Seated plantations have again deserted them suffering their Said land and plantations to lye wast and uninhabited keeping their titles thereto Nevertheless Still on foot whereby others hindered from takeing the same up and Seating neer together for the Comon Security which is found to be very inconvenient to the Comonwealth and a great Injuriy to the Lord Proprietary in the Losse of his Rent and otherwise Be it therefore Enacted by the Lord Proprietary with the Advice and Assent of the upper and lower house of this Assembly That for all mannors lands and Plantations within this Province which have heretofore been either taken up or Seated. And for four Yeares last past or longer deserted or left uninhabited by such as have or might have Claimed Right thereto and his Lordships Rents not paid In case such person or persons (except Orphans under sixteen Yeares of age) as clayme any Right therein shall not Sometime before the twenty fifth day of March next make such their Right thereto appear respectively And having not had any Grant heretofore thereof Legally passed unto him or them Demand Grant thereof under the great Seals of the Province and satisfye all Rents for the same arreare to his Lordship It shall be att any tyme then afterwards lawfull for his Lordship or his Heires Lord and Proprietarys of this Province or his or their Lieutenant or Cheife Governour of the Province for the tyme being lawfully Authorized for granting of lands within this Province to grant the same or any part thereof to any other person or persons who shall desire grants thereof according to the Conditions of Plantation then in force within this Province or other Warrant or direction from his Lordship or his heires Lord and Proprietarys of this Province for the tyme being under his or their hand and Seale att Arms And that for all other Mannors lands and plantations already taken up or Seated within this Province not belonging to any Orphans under sixteen Yeares of age which shall happen to be deserted or left uninhabited by such as shall then have or may Claim to have any Right or title thereto And his Lordship or his heires Lord and Proprietarys of this

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