

An Act for the Surveyor Generall fees with addition of fees upon his surveys and for leaving the same.

Inasmuch as the severall Lawes hitherto made for the Regulatding of Surveyors fees have by dayly Experiences been found ineffectuall to curb the exorbitant Exactions of the severall Deputy Surveyors to the great damage detriment & vexacion of the good people of this Province.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>. the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and consent of the upper & lower houses of this present Generall Assembly that from and after the Publication hereof the Surveyor Generall nor any of his Deputy for the time being shall ask demand take or receive any other fee gratuity or Reward for any matter concerning the office of a Surveyor then such as are by this present act provided for allowed & Expresssed that is to say for Surveying of any plott of Ground of one hundred acres or under one pound of Tobacco per acre if the plott be between one hundred & two hundred Acres then for the first one hundred acres as aforesaid and for all above half a pound of Tobacco per acre if between two hundred and five hundred acres then for the first two hundred Acres as before and for all above one quarter of a pound of Tobacco per acre if it be between five hundred and one thousand acres then for the first five hundred as aforesaid and for any quantity above five hundred acres one pound of Tobacco for every ten acres and not more for entering a survey upon the books five pounds of Tobacco for certifying the same five pounds of Tobacco for describing a plott of the ground surveyed if it be one hundred acres or under ten pounds of Tobacco if above one hundred Acres then five pounds of Tobacco for every hundred acres for going to make such survey if the place be distant from his usuall habitation twenty Miles or under forty pounds of Tobacco if above twenty & under forty miles eight pounds of Tobacco and so pro rata for any greater quantity and that for every survey to be made for any person whatsoever such survey being made with a Chain Circumferentor with lights and other Instruments for that purpose necessary the Surveyor Generall or his Deputy respectively may ask demand take and receive double the fees before in this Act provided and no more.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all such fees as aforesaid so demanded by the Surveyor or his Deputy or Deputies respectively shall and may be levied by way of Execution upon the body or goods of any person or persons delaying or refusing payment thereof the Surveyor Generall or such Deputy or Deputies as aforesaid taking their Corporall Oath to the truth of his or their accounts before the Governour Chanceller or Secretary of this Province for the time being.

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