

every of them shall and may exercise the Powers and Authority herein
 them, according to the directions hereafter given and expressed, as
 buying and purchasing the aforesaid Town Lands of the now Owners
 fore of the same, as for the Surveying and Laying out the same, and Surveying
 the several Lots to be laid out in them, to the End the length, breadth, and
 size of each Lot in each Town and Port may be known and distinguished, that
 for the said Town and Port of *Ann Arundel* in *Ann Arundel County*
Edmondson, Major *Edward Dorsey*, Mr. *John Bennet*, Mr. *John*
Stiffable, Mr. *Andrew Norwood*, Mr. *Phillip Howard*, Mr. *James*
 the honourable *Nicholas Greenbury Esq.* And for the Town and Port
 in *Oxford* aforesaid Mr. *Edward Mann*, Mr. *John Edmondson*,
 Mr. *Glover Smith*, Mr. *John Neels*, Mr. *John Hawkins*, Mr. *Thomas Robbins* and
 Mr. *Thomas Robbins Junior*, the honourable *George Roebotham*, and Mr. *Thomas*
Smith and Mr. *Robert Smith*.

And Be it Enacted that the said Commissioners herein nominated for each re-
 spective Town in each County aforesaid, or the major part of them, are hereby
 empowered some time before 25th. Day of February Anno Domini 1694. to meet
 together upon the respective Lands and Places for Towns before mentioned, then
 and there treat with and agree with the Owners and all persons interested in the
 said Lands, and buy and purchase of such Owners and others interested in the
 said Lands one hundred Acres of the said Lands, at the discretion of the persons
 aforesaid leait prejudicial to the Owners, and they that purchase shall cause the
 same to be Surveyed, and after Survey so made, shall cause the same to be mark-
 ed, staked, and divided into convenient Streets, Lanes, and Ally's, with other
 spare places to be left on which may be a Church, Chapel, Market House or other
 publick Building, and the remaining part of the said one hundred Acres to be di-
 vided into one hundred Equal Lotts, marked on some Posts or Stakes towards
 the Streets or Lanes with Numbers 1 2 3 4 and so to an Hundred, out of which
 Lotts the Owner of such Lands shall have the first choice for one Lott, during
 the space of one Year after the said 25th. Day of February, except his Excellency
Francis Nicholson Esq. Governour of this Province, who shall have the next im-
 mediate choice of one two or three Lotts in each, or either of the said Towns if his
 Excellency so please; after which the Lotts shall be taken up by the Inhabitants of
 the County's onely, during six Months after laying out the same, and if the In-
 habitants shall not take up the same Lotts in the time aforesaid, it shall be then
 free for any person or persons whatsoever to take up the said Lott or Lotts, pay-
 ing the Owner proportionably for the same; And in case any person or persons
 shall willfully refuse to make Sale of any such Lands therein before mentioned
 or any person or persons through non-Age, Coverture, or non Sana Memoria or o-
 ther impediment or Disability whatsoever, that then the Commissioners afore-
 said nominated for each respective Town, are hereby Authorized by vertue of
 this Act to Issue out Warrants to the Shertif of the said County's, so empower
 him to impanel and return a Jury of Freeholders to appear before the said Com-
 missioners, which Jury upon their Oaths to be administered by the said Commis-
 sioners are to inquire and assess such Damages and Racompencc, as they shall think
 fit to be awarded to the Owners & all persons interested, according to their sever-
 al and respective Interests in the said Land or any part thereof and what Sum of
 Tobacco the said Jury shall adjudge the said Land to be worth, shall be paid to the
 said Owners and Persons interested, by such person or persons as shall take up
 the said respective Lott or Lotts proportionably thereunto, and the said Com-
 missioners or the major part of them are hereby empowered by respective Warrants
 under their Hands and Seals to Summon the Surveyor general or the Surveyer of
 the County to survey and lay out the said one hundred Acres in the places afore-
 mentioned in the manner and form aforesaid, to be marked and staked out as a
 foresaid, and when the same is Surveyed and laid out as aforesaid, and valued a
 foresaid, that then whosoever shall make choice of any such Lott as aforesaid
 and make Entry thereof before and with the Officer or person as by the Commis-
 sioners shall be appointed to keep the Book for Entry of the same, and pay such
 Sum or Quantity of Tobacco as shall by the discretion of the Commissioners be
 rated upon such Lott and payable to the Owner of the said Land; and on such
 Lott shall build one twenty Foot square dwelling House at least within twelve