Generall Assembly held at the Ridge in *Anne Arundel* County the [illegible] 1683, intituled *An Act for Advancement of Trade* and another Act [illegible] Generall Assembly held at the City of St. *Mary's* the first day of *April* 1684, entituled *Additional and Supplementary Act to the Act for Advancement of Trade*, and one other Act made at a Generall Assembly held at the City of St. *Mary's* the 27th. day of *January* [illegible] entituled *a further additional Act to the Act for Advancement of Trade and Supplementary Act of the same*: as by the same severall Acts of Assembly remaining upon Record in the Secretary's Office of this Province may appear, and notwithstanding severall persons who relying and depending upon the Benefits & Priviledges in the said Laws granted, have taken up Lotts in the said Towns entered them and paid for them or were ready to pay for them as the Law directed, and have built and improved thereon, yet they are now threatened disquieted and disturbed by the persons claiming Right to the said Lands upon pretence that because that the said Acts are since repealed, the Titles of such Takers up Builders and Improvers are destroyed and die with the said Acts of Trade, contrary to the true Sense or rational Construction of the same Laws or any other of like nature, to prevent therefore and take off all such unnecessary Scruples and Doubts thereof,

BE IT ENACTED by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly and the Authority of the same, That all and every person or persons that during the continuance of the before mentioned Acts of Assembly did take up, pay for, or tendered or were ready to pay for any Lott or Lotts of Land in any Town Land laid out and allotted for Town Lands by the former Laws or any of them and the same Lott made due entry thereof, and hath built and improved upon the same, and followed the directions of the above mentioned Laws, they the said person and persons so taking up entring building on and following the directions of the said Laws, their Heirs & Assigns shall have hold and injoy a good sure indefeazable Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple of in and to every such Lott and Lotts of Land so taken up and built on as aforesaid, according to the said Laws directions to them and their Heirs for ever, as fully largely and amply to all intents and purposes as if the said former Laws were still in force or had never been Repealed.

Provided always, that where any person or persons that hath so taken up built and improved, and hath not paid the price set upon the same, that every such person is hereby injoyn'd to pay the said value of the said Lott to the Owner and Claimer of the said Land upon demand without fraud or covin.

An Act for the Naturalization of Michael Curtis *and others.*

At an Assembly held at the Town of *Annapolis* the 30th. day of *April* in the VIII. Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *William* the III. of *England* &c. *Annoq; Domini* 1696, were Enacted,

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An Act impowering the Commissioners of the County of Kent *to purchase three Acres of Land whereon to build a Court House.*

An Act for speedy Justice and Incouragement of Trade.

BE IT ENACTED by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same, That from and after the publication hereof, if any person or persons whatsoever be owing to any person or persons residing within, or trading into this Province any Sum or Sums of Tobacco or Mony being above the Sum of two hundred pounds of Tobacco or twelve Shillings, and not above the Sum of ten thousand pounds of Tobacco or fifty pounds Sterling, being due by Bill, Bond, Note, Book or Account, or by any publick or County allowance, or any Officers Fees where Execution is not given by Law for the same, and the party Creditor