

for impower. & empower to purchase Lands for Court House.

That then and in every such case, it shall and may be Lawful for the Commissioners of the said several and respective Countys by virtue of this Act to issue out Warrants to the respective Sheriffs thereby commanding & empowering them to impanel a Jury of substantial Freeholders within their respective Precincts at a certain day and time to appear before the said Commissioners on the Lands aforesaid, which Jury upon their Oaths to be administered by the said Commissioners are to inquire into the true value of them and so much of the said Land as by the Commissioners they shall be directed not exceeding three Acres aforesaid, and to assess such damage and recompence for the same as they shall think fit to be awarded to the Owners and others on their behalf entitled, and the return of the Jury to be by them made in two parts, one whereof is to be sent to his Excellency the Governour & Council of this Province for the time being, the other to be Recorded within the several and respective County Court whereto they properly belong, shall be a perpetual Bar to the Claim or pretension of Claim made, or that shall hereafter be made to the whole or any part thereof by the owner or owners, or his or their heirs executors or assigns for ever. And the damage or recompence by the several and respective Juries awarded for and in satisfaction of such Lands by them inquired of to the Owner or Owners thereof as aforesaid, shall be by the Commissioners of the respective Countys for the time being when thereunto required by such Owner or Owners or others Lawfully entitled to the damage thereof, to be levied and assessed in such method and manner as in this Act is before mentioned and expressed. And for the better ascertaining the bounds of the said Land so purchased or taken up for the use of the Countys aforesaid, it shall and may be Lawful to and for the said Commissioners who are also hereby impowered & required to issue out Warrants to his Majesty's Surveyors of the respective Countys, whereto they belong to appear at such day and place to be by them appointed as aforesaid, then and there to survey and lay out in the presence of the Jury aforesaid such Lands by them taken up for the use of the County aforesaid, and the same at the end of each Angle shall bound with a good and substantial Locust Post, or other durable Wood to be six foot under ground at the least, and five foot above, as also such and so many Posts within the Angles aforesaid, as may be discovered from one to the other, which Posts when and as often as they shall decay the Commissioners shall cause new ones to be affixed in their places at the County Charge for ever, & the respective Surveyors return two Certificates of such Surveys by them made as aforesaid with fair Platts of the same, one whereof to his Excellency the Governor and Council as aforesaid, the other to be Recorded and kept in the County Court as aforesaid, any Law Statute Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that the Lot whereon the Court House of Dorchester County now stands, together with the Tenements thereon being formerly taken up and purchased as Town Land, but the Records of those Lots taken up being either imbezled or casually lost, be and remain to the use of the County for ever as firmly and absolutely as if the same had been actually conveyed by the true Owner or Owners thereof, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act directing and appointing to what use the several Rooms in the State House in the Town and Port of Annapolis shall be applyed to.

An Act for the Naturalization of Stephen Francis an Italian, and George Sleycomb a German born.

These following Laws were made the 3^d. day of April 1698. viz.

An Act vesting two Tracts of Land in John Gadsby sold him by George Norman.