

Taking the bounds of Land.

Hundred and sixty and fe
to fall from the first tree
this case than fifty per cent
Well to the first tree, &

of such tract, and all such tracts
up of such backward land by ye so allowed the tract's fronting the River to be, &
that with good reason, and as for the reasonableness of it, it cannot be otherwise
enacted, lo if it should be other ways enacted it would make a general confusion
in all backward lands, bounded first upon the frontier tracts, and then one upon

other, and in the cases aforesaid altho' there be a great variation betwixt the
prescribed course and the real course, from the first to the second tree, yet all the
land betwixt the said trees by its general bounding on the water shall be adjudged
part of the said tracts, and afterwards from the second tree it shall be determined
by lines as aforesaid, as in the fifth & sixth example.

And if a tract of land be laid out for a certain number of Acres on such courses,
which tho' the length of the lines yet the acuteness of the angles will not make
the certain number of Acres; yet the tract shall be confined by such bounds, as
supposing the first line be north fifty perches, & then north east or north north east or
the like eighty perches, and so parallel, and yet the owner shall be compassed, &
all latter surveys adjoyning to such lines shall be good as in the seventh example.

And if any Man have a greater number of perches given him in length or in
breadth by express words, then he ought to have, yet he shall hold the same a-
gainst any latter taker up, and against the Lord Proprietor rendering Rent, as sup-
pose north fifty perches, then east eighty perches, and so lines parallel for one
hundred Acres as in the eighth example.

Every Man that hath an Island entirely granted to him, altho' he have Surplus-
age shall hold the same altho' lines or courses or number of perches be not rightly
expressed to conclude the same against any latter taker up, & against the Lord Propri-
etor rendering Rent, if his Lordship shall for discovery of such Rent cause the same
to be resurveyed, and his Lordship his Heirs or Successors shall not for any Sur-
plusage entirely claim or confound any Patten upon pretence of being deceived in
the same or any other pretence, because every Man had land granted him in con-
sideration that by perishing conditions of Plantations it was due to him, ex-
cept where his Lordship hath granted any Lands ex mero motu & gratis specie.

And whereas by this Act it is provided that if any Man hold fifty acres above
his number of perches beyond his known bounds he shall maintain the same a-
gainst any latter taker up &c. and will not resurvey his land in due time, but that
the Lord Proprietor grant the Surplusage to another, yet if the last taker up have
spent his plantation and made his improvement after the certain number of per-
ches is determined, or the Surplusage shall not be said to be there only after such
determination of such number of perches, because after the Surveyor hath once by
a Surveyor's rule shapt the land it is then all granted at once uno scilicet, & the
Surplusage shall be assigned by a Jury intirely to lie together, but to the least de-
signer in the first Grants.

And if a certain number of perches in any case be prescribed to run by a Creek,
River or Branch side, and no mark tree nor certain course express, the line non-
etheless shall not be break away by the several windings of the River Creek
but may be brought to a straight line of that length, or else be regulated by the o-
ther cases as in other cases is provided.

If Land be bounded by a Creek or Cove running a certain course or number of
perches, as suppose north one hundred perches, if that branch creek or cove were
over half a mile, or unreasonably wind above five points from the course into the
land, then the number of perches be determined, so that there be no certain num-
ber, Stream or certain Bed or Channel of a stream continuing to the end of the
line, & if there be such windings as aforesaid, in such cases the lines shall be the
bounds from the beginning to ending, provided that all the adjacent lands be-
twixt the creek and the line before it comes to giant over the Branch creek or cove
shall be added and taken to be part of the Land, that is to say as the creek includes
as in the ninth example.

If Land begin at a mark tree by a River, Creek, Branch or Cove, and so go up-
wards down the said River, Creek, Branch or Cove to another mark tree at the mouth
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