

And if any person or persons as aforesaid shall pack or cause or suffer to be packed full with tobacco any green or not well season'd tobacco hoghead or hogheads and the same pay away and be thereof convicted in manner aforesaid he or they shall forfeit for every hoghead or hogheads so packed and paid away as aforesaid the sum of one hundred pounds of tobacco as aforesaid to the uses aforesaid to be recover'd as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted that if any person or persons shall after the tenth day of December next ensuing pay or tender to pay any packt hoghead of tobacco whereof the full weight of the empty hoghead or the full weight within five pounds over or under is not cut & markt on the bulge of the cask and be thereof convicted in manner aforesaid he or they so convicted as aforesaid shall forfeit for every hoghead or hogheads not having the weight set thereon as aforesaid the sum of one hundred pounds of tobacco as aforesaid to the uses aforesaid to be recover'd as aforesaid.

And for the better ascertaining what tare shall be allow'd upon tobacco hogheads, Be it Enacted that the Receiver of any hoghead of tobacco shall pay & allow to the owner or owners thereof for such hoghead receiv'd the sum of forty pounds of tobacco deducting the same out of the gross weight of each hoghead markt on the bulge and no more any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act for the securing Persons Rights to Town Lands.

W Hereas it is represented to this General Assembly that sev'ral persons of this Province and others that have taken up Lotts in sev'ral Town Lands laid out and survey'd for Towns according to the directions of sev'ral Laws of this Province heretofore made (that is to say) one Law made at a Gen'ral Assembly held at the Ridge in Ann-Arundel County the second day of October 1683 intituled *an Act for advancement of Trade*, and one other Act made at a Gen'ral Assembly held at the City of St. Marys the first day of April 1684 intituled *an additional & supplementary Act to the Act for advancement of Trade* and the other Act made at a General Assembly held at the City of St. Marys the 27th day of October 1686 intituled *a further additional Act to the Act for advancement of Trade and the supplementary Acts of the same*, and one other Act made at a Sessions of Assembly begun & held at the City of St. Marys the 2^d day of September Anno Domini 1694 intituled *an Act for erecting Ann Arundel & Oxford Towns into Ports & Towns* as by the sev'ral Acts of Assembly remaining upon Record in the Secretarys Office of this Province may appear & notwithstanding the sev'ral persons who relying and depending upon the benefits & priviledges in the said Laws granted have taken up Lotts in the said Towns entered in & paid for 'em or were ready to pay for them as the Law directed and have built and improved thereon yet they are now threatned disquieted and disturbed by the persons claiming Right to the said Lands upon pretence that because the said Acts are since Repealed the Titles of such takers up builders & improvers are destroy'd and die with the said Acts of Trade contrary to the true sence and rational construction of the same Laws or any other of like nature, to prevent therefore and take off all such unnecessary doubts and scruples thereof,

Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the advice & consent of her Majesty's Governour Council & Assembly of this Province & the authority of the same that all and ev'ry person or persons that during the continuance of the before mentioned Acts of Assembly did take up pay for or tender'd or were ready to pay for any Lott or Lotts of Land in any Town Land laid out & allotted for Town Lands by the former Laws or any of them and of the same Lot made due Entry and hath built and improved upon the same and follow'd the directions of the above mention'd Laws they the said person & persons so taking up entering building upon & following the directions of the said Laws their Heirs and Assigns shall have hold & enjoy a good sure and indefeazable Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple of in and to every such Lott and Lots of Land so taken up & built on as aforesaid (according to the said Laws & directions) to them & their Heirs for ever as fully freely and amply to all intents & purposes as if the said former Laws were still in full force and had never been repeal'd.

Provided always that where any person or persons that hath or have 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 & Claimer of the Land upon demand without fraud or covin.

An Act for rectifying the ill practices of Attorneys of this Province and ascertaining the Attorney General and Clerk of Indictments Fees.

BE it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by & with the Advice & Consent of her Majesty's Governour Council & Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that after the End of this Sessions of Assembly no Process
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