

essed in the Lands lying within the County aforesaid at such places within the said County as they or any three or more of them shall think fit from time to time with or without any adjournment summarily and without the formality and proceedings in Courts of Law or Equity either upon the verdict or inquisition of Jurors Testimony of Witnesses upon Oath examination of partys interested or by all or any the said ways (or otherwise according to their discretion) and that the judgment or sentence of the said Commissioners or any three or more of them as aforesaid shall be final between the said partys their Heirs Executors Administrators & Assigns and all claiming by from or under them touching the matters & decrees to be made by the said Commissioners by this present Act thereunto authorized or any three or more of them the said Commissioners always giving timely notice of not less than sixteen days of the time & place of their sitting saving the right of all persons under age *non sane Memoriae Feme Coverts* and persons non Resident within this Province during such time as they shall continue to, who shall and are hereby allowed to prosecute their claims within twelve Months after such disability removed and unless any party dissatisfied with such sentence shall appeal therefrom within thirty days to such Commissioners as his Excellency the Governour for the time being is hereby impower'd to authorize and appoint by his Commission for that purpose under the great seal of this Province not exceeding five in number whereof the major part of all such Commissioners meet or two in case only three meet shall finally determine thereon in manner aforesaid without any further Appeal or Review.

And be it Enacted that the said Commissioners be & are hereby impower'd to commit & punish by Fine not exceeding one thousand pounds of tobacco all such persons who shall disturb the sitting of the said Commissioners or wilfully refuse to give evidence.

And further for the better discovery of persons Rights to Lands claimed before the said Commissioners, the said Commissioners or any three or more of them may & are impowered to issue Precepts to the Sheriff & Surveyor of the said County to resurvey and make returns to the said Commissioners pursuant to the tenor of such Precepts & Warrants which the said Sheriff & Surveyor shall & are hereby obliged to execute for such reasonable Fees as to the said Commissioners shall seem meet, and also the said Commissioners shall & may make & establish such reasonable Table of Fees to their Clerk whom they are to make choice of with the approbation of his Excellency for the Writing & Recording of any matters before them and to the Sheriff of the said County who is hereby enjoyned by his sufficient deputy constantly to attend them and serve & execute all Precepts Warrants Orders Notices in Writing or other Summons as by the said Commissioners to the said Sheriff shall be directed not exceeding one full mowety in proportion to what is allowed by the Act of Assembly for *limitation of Officers Fees* to the several Sheriffs and Clerks of the County Courts which Fees are to be upon Execution as other Fees belonging to Clerks and Sheriffs.

And be it further Enacted that the judgments & determinations which shall be made betwixt party and party by authority of this Act shall be recorded in a fair Book or Books to be provided for that purpose at the County charge, and every such judgment and determination shall be signed by three or more of the said Commissioners which Book or Books when perfected shall be placed & intrusted in the custody of the Clerk of *Ann-Arundel* County among the Records of the said County that all persons concerned may repair to view the same, And further that none of the said Commissioners shall take any Fee or Reward whatsoever directly or indirectly for any thing to be done by them by vertue or colour of this present Act saving the allowance of eighty pounds of tobacco *per diem* for their expences during the time as they shall sit to hear & determine such claims, which charge the Commissioners of *Ann-Arundel* County are hereby authorized & obliged to levy & assess upon the several taxables of the said County and allow unto them in the County Levy.

And provided nevertheless that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners by this Act impowered to assess & exact such reasonable charges on all persons non residents in the said County and making claims before them as in their discretion they shall think fit accounting therefor to the County Levy, and that the said Commissioners are hereby impowered to make all necessary Rules & Orders for the better carrying on all business that shall be brought before them and the good and regular government of their Court.

And be it further Enacted by the authority advice & consent aforesaid that the Justices & Commissioners of *Ann-Arundel* County Court for the time being be impowered according to their discretion upon application to them made and due proof thereof to affirm all judgments heretofore given in the said County Court now unsatisfied and a-