

MARYLAND

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At a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the Town and Port of Annapolis April the Second and Ended the Nineteenth of the same Month Anno Domini 1706. In the Fifth Year of the Reign of Our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen ANNE, &c. His EXCELLENCY JOHN SEYMOUR Esq: being Governour, were Enacted these Laws following viz.

An Act for Advancement of Trade, and Erecting of Ports and Towns in the Province of MARYLAND.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queens Most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majestys Governour Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly the Towns, Ports and Places herein after mentioned shall be the Ports and places where all Ships and Vessels Trading into this Province shall unlade and put on Shoar all Negroes, Wares, Goods, Merchandizes and Commodities whatsoever. (that is to say)

Not Enacted to be no Law.

St. Marys County, St. Marys Town, St. Clements Town, & a Town on Beckwiths Island in Patuxent River.

Kent County, in Chester River on a Plantation of Mr. Jace's, between Mr. Williams and Edward Walvins Plantation, in Worton Creek, on a Tract of Land where Francis Barnee lives formerly laid out for a Town, and at Sassafrax River where Shrewsbury Town was.

Ann-Arundel County, the Town and Port of Annapolis, London Town on the South Side of South River, a Town in West River where the Town was formerly, and at Herring Creek where the Town was formerly laid out, and a Town to be laid out in Magetty River, on the Plantation late in the possession of Thomas Hanson on the South side of the said River.

In Calvert County, at the head of St. Leonards Creek on both sides of the Mill Branch, at the Mouth of the said Branch, at the head of Hunting Creek on both sides of the said Creek, and in the Feishes of Patuxent River at the Plantation of George & Thomas Hardisty

In Charles County at Port Tobacco and Newport where Towns were formerly laid out, and at Benedict Leonard Town in Patuxent River where the Town was formerly Erected.

In Baltimore County at Whetstone Neck in Patapsco River, upon the Land called Chilberry in Bush River, and a Town on Foster Neck on Gunpowder River.

In Somerset County on the North West side of Wiccocomico River on the Woodland Reach below Daniel Hasts Creek, at Rehoboth in Pocomoke River, and at Snow Hill where the Towns were formerly erected, and on a Point of Land lying on the Fork of Monokin River where Capt' Henry Smith formerly lived, some time called White-House, and at Colebornes Creek in Annameffex.

In Talbot County at Oxford formerly erected into a Port and Town, and at Doncaster in Wye River, and at Kings Town in Great Choptank.

In Cecil County at Capt' Johns Creek where a Town was formerly laid out in Elk River, and the Land belonging to Isaac Calk in Sassafrax River.

In Dorchester County at Cambridge in Great Choptank, and at Illington in Little Choptank, and Little Tarmouth in Transquaking River where Towns were formerly laid out, and at the Emperours Landing in Nanticoke River.

In Prince Georges County at the Land of William Mills in Patuxent River, at Matapany Landing on the Land of Thomas Brook Esq: at Mount Calvert where the Court House stands, and at the upper Landing in the Western Branch commonly called Col' Bells Landing, at the upper Landing in the Northern Branch on the West side of the said Branch commonly called Andersous Landing, and at Broad Creek in Potomock River on the South side of the said Creek at Thomas Lewis's Landing.

In Queen Ann's County in Corseca Creek upon the Plantation where Robert Smith Esq: now lives, at Broad Creek on Kent Island where the same Town was formerly laid out.

P O R T S. Out of which, the following places and no others shall be and are by this Act reputed and appointed Ports. (That is to say) Annapolis in Ann-Arundel County, St. Marys Town in Potomock, at Chester Town upon Jace's Land in Chester River, Greenhill Town in Somerset County below Daniel Hasts Creek in Wiccocomico, at the Town of Oxford in Great Choptank, & at Beckwiths Island in Patuxent River.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid, that the several and respective Persons herein after named, shall be and are hereby appointed