

as aforesaid, to be assessed by the said Commissioners or Jury, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

*An Act for the dividing and regulating several Countys on the Eastern Shoar of this Province, and Constituting a County by the Name of Queen Ann's County within the same Province.*

**F**OR AS MUCH as divers the Inhabitants of *Talbot, Kent and Cecil* Countys within this Province, have by their Petitions to this present General Assembly complained of the irregular location, of their Countys, and the Seats of Judicature within the same, to the great inconveniency's of the Suitors thereunto, for Redress whereof for the future,

**B**E 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 from and after the first Day of *May* which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven, the Bounds of *Talbot* County shall contain *Sharps Island, Choptank Island* and all the Land on the North Side of *Great Choptank* River, and extend itself up the said River to *Tuckahoe* Bridge, and from thence with a streight Line to the Mill commonly called & known by the Name of *Sweetnam's* Mill, and from thence down the South Side of *Wye* River to the Mouth thereof, and from thence down the Bay including *Poplar Islands* to the first beginning, all *Bruffs Island* in *Wye* River.

And that from and after the said first Day of *May* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven the Land called *Kent Island* and all the Land on the South Side of *Chester* River to a Branch called *Seze's* Branch, and with the said Branch to the Head thereof, and from thence with an East Line to the Extent of this Province, and bounded on the South with *Talbot* County to *Tuckahoe* Bridge, and from thence with *Tuckahoe* Creek and *Choptank* River to the Mouth of a Branch falling into the said River called or known by the Name of the *white Marsh Branch*, & from thence with a North East Line to the Extent of this Province, & bounded on the East with the Exterior Bounds of this Province, shall be and is hereby Constituted Founded and Incorporated into a County of this Province, and shall be denominated called & known by the Name of *Queen Anns* County, and shall and may after the said first Day of *May* 1707 as aforesaid, have and enjoy all Rights, Benefits & Privileges equal with the other Countys of this Province, such as sending Burgesses to the General Assembly, having County Courts, Sheriffs, Justices and other Officers and Ministers requisite and necessary, and as used in other Countys of this Province.

And that from and after the said first Day of *May* 1707 *Kent* County shall begin at the South Point of the Eastern Neck, and from thence Run up *Chesapeake* Bay to *Sassafrax* River, and up the said River to the South End of the Long Horse Bridge lying over the Head of the said River, & from thence with a Line drawn East and by South to the Exterior Bounds of this Province, and with the Exterior Bounds of this Province until it intersect the Line of *Queen Anns* County, & with the said County down *Chester* River to Eastern Neck where it first begun, & shall contain all the Land within the said Bounds.

And that from & after the said first day of *May* 1707 *Cecil* County shall contain all the Land on the North Side of *Sassafrax* River and *Kent* County, and shall be bounded on the East and North with the Exterior Bounds of this Province, on the West with *Susquehanna* River and *Chesapeake* Bay, and on the South with *Sassafrax* River & *Kent* County.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, that the several persons herein after mentioned, nominated & appointed shall be and are hereby authorized, impowered and required to call to them the Surveyors of the several & respective Countys aforesaid, and cause them to Run out the Lines, Bounds and Divisions of the said Countys according to the directions in this Act before mentioned (where they are not by Natural Bounds divided one from the other) that is to say, For *Talbot* County Colo<sup>r</sup> *Thomas Smithson*, Mr. *Robert Gouldsborough*, Major *John Hawkins*, Mr. *Mathew Tilgman Ward*, Mr. *Thomas Emerson*, Mr. *Robert Grundy*, Mr. *Daniel Sherwood*, Mr. *Thomas Robbins*, Mr. *James Loyd* & Mr. *John Dawson*. For *Queen Anns* County Mr. *Philemon Loyd*, Mr. *Richard Tilgman*, Mr. *Philemon Hemsley*, Mr. *William Turloe*, Mr. *Arthur Emery*, Mr. *John Salter*, Mr. *John Whittington*, Mr. *Edward Chitham*, Mr. *Nathaniel Wright*, Mr. *John Coppidge*, Mr. *William Elliot*, *Valentine Carter* & *Edward Brown*. For *Kent* County Colonel *Thomas Smyth*, Mr. *Elias King*, Mr. *William Frisby*, Mr. *John Wells*, Mr. *Edward Blay*, Mr. *Phillip Hopkins*, Mr. *William Comegys* and Mr. *William Harris* And for *Cecil* County