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for who are thereby frequently injured or very much
impaired and in many times forced to relinquish
and give up their just right to their more potent,
Religious Advocaries rather than suffer the loss of
time, fatigue and expence of a long Journey and
longer and more tedious Attendance and forasmuch
as the Multitude of Cases varying in their several
circumstances will not admit of any good Order
to be prescribed where by the Court and Jury may
adjudge of and determine the Matter in Controver-
sy. Therefore this present Court doth
Humbly pray that it may be enacted —

And be it Enacted by the Kings most
Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent
of His Majesty's Governour Council and Assembly of
this Province and the Authority of the same that five
persons in each respective County of this Province (who
are the best skilled in the Art of Surveying and best ac-
quainted with the Nature and Designe of Ancient
Surveys) such as the Governour and Council for the
time being shall see proper shall be commissioned and
Impowered Under the Great Seal used in this Province
by the Governour for the time being who by Vertue
thereof And the Authority of this Act shall or may
with or without Adjournment from time to time
meet And Summarily and without the formalities —