

and the aforesaid Quantities or Parcels of Land, shall be deemed to be held by the Owner of such Lots, under the like Rents and Services as other Lots and Lands within the City aforesaid, now are. C H A P. XIX.

IV. **And whereas**, for the better Encouragement of poor Tradesmen to come and inhabit within the said City, and carry on their respective Trades therein, the Corporation of the said City have supplicated this General Assembly, That Twenty more small Lots should be laid out and added to the said City; **Be it therefore Enacted, by and with the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid**, That the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, by this Act nominated and appointed, shall cause Ten Acres of the Public Pasture, lying on the North Side of the said City, and to the Eastward of the Ferry Road that leads by the Hill whereon the Powder-House now stands, to be surveyed and staked out into Twenty Lots, to be taken up by any Person or Persons that shall build a Dwelling-house upon the same, according to the Directions of the aforesaid Act *for erecting Ann-Arundel and Oxford Towns into Ports and Towns*; which Taking-up and Building upon as aforesaid, upon paying to the Proprietors of the said Ten Acres, what Sum the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall assess and award to be paid for each Lot, shall, by virtue of this Act, make and vest a sure and indefeasible Estate in Fee, in and to the respective Takers-up and Builders thereon, and to their Heirs and Assigns, in all or any the aforesaid Twenty Lots so to be laid out as aforesaid; any Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Commissioners impowered to lay out 10 Acres of the Public Pasture into 20 Lots, to be taken up and improved upon according to the Directions of the Act of 1694, ch. 8.

V. **Provided nevertheless**, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, That no Person already possessing a Lot, or any Part of a Lot, within the said City, shall have Liberty to take up any of the said Twenty Lots, for and during the Space of Two whole Years from the laying out the said Twenty Lots; nor shall any Person take up any the said Twenty Lots in the Name of any other for his own Use. Provide.

VI. **And for the continuing the Succession of Commissioners and Surveyor** until the Business referred to them be compleated; **Be it Enacted as aforesaid**, That in case of the Death or Absence of any the said Commissioners or Surveyor, that the Survivors be, as they are hereby, impowered to choose others, by Majority of Voices, to serve in the Stead or Place of such as are absent or deceased; and also that the said Commissioners be allowed each Fifteen Shillings per Day for their Attendance; and that all Charges arising on the Execution of this Law, shall be ascertained by the said Commissioners, and satisfied and raised by an equal Assessment by the Lot, upon the several Proprietors thereof, to be levied in such Manner as the said Commissioners, shall direct; and the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered and authorized to enquire if any Thing be due; and, if any Thing, what is due from the Public for any Part of the Lands laid out in the City aforesaid, for the Use of the Public? And to make their Report thereof to the next Assembly, to the End that the Proprietors of the said Lands may have just Satisfaction made them for the same.

Commissioners, &c. to have a Succession till the Business be compleated.

VII. **And be it likewise further Enacted**, That the Clerk of the Mayor's Court, for the Time being, be Clerk to the said Commissioners, to enter their Proceedings in the Premises aforesaid, which said Proceedings shall be entered in the Records of the Mayor's Court, whereto all Persons concerned may have Recourse. Their Proceedings to be recorded in the Mayor's Court.

VIII. **And be it likewise Enacted**, That the Commissioners aforesaid, shall take the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Act *for ascertaining the Bounds of Land within this Province*, in the like Manner as is directed by that Act. The Commissioners to be sworn.

Examined and Compared with the Original Act, REVERDY GHISELIN,
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