

Charges, as having regard to the Distance of the place in that behalf, is necessary to be allowed, do not appear according to the Tenor of the said process, having not a lawful reasonable Let or Impediment to the contrary; That then the party or parties so making Default, shall forfeit and loose for every such Offence *Ten Pounds Sterling*, and to yield to the party grieved such further Recompence as by the Direction of the Judge of that Court out of which the said process shall be awarded, according to the Loss and Hinderance that the party which procured the said process shall sustain, by reason of the nonappearance of the said Witness or Witnesses. The said Several Sums to be recovered by the party so grieved, against the Offender or Offenders, by Action of Debt, Bill, plaint or Information, in any of their Majesties Courts of Record in this province, wherein no Essoyn, protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

That do not appear.
And have no reasonable Lett.
Shall forfeit ten pounds Sterling and satisfy the party grieved for damage

To be recovered by Action of Debt &c.

At an Assembly held at the City of *St. Mary's*, the Twenty first Day of *September*, in the sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady *William and Mary*, by the Grace of God of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith, &c. *Annoq; Domini 1694.*
Francis Nicolson Esq; Chief Governour.

An Act for Erecting *Ann-Arundel* and *Oxford* Towns into Ports and Towns.

BE it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the publication hereof, the Land called the *Town Land* at *Severn* in *Ann-Arundel* County, where the Town was formerly, and the Land at *Oxford*, in *Talbot* County, where the Town was formerly, shall from henceforth be Towns and Ports and places of Trade, where all Ships and Vessels may come to for Entering and Clearing; to which End the Collector of that District, or his lawfull Deputy, shall constantly reside at the said Towns and Ports; and also a Naval Officer or Officers or their Deputy shall also constantly reside there, for giving Dispatch to all Ships and Vessels Coming or Trading into them Parts. And that the same Towns and Ports may be capable of being built upon and inhabited by Persons desiring to dwell and inhabit in them -----

Severn Towns Lands.
And *Oxford*.
Shall be Ports
Where the Collector or his Deputy shall reside.
And also the Naval Officer or his Deputy.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Proclaiming of this Act, all and every the persons Named herein for Commissioners, shall be Commissioners of and for the said two Towns, and each of them. And they and every of them shall and may execute the powers and Authorities hereby given them, according to the Directions hereafter given and prescribed, as well for the buying and purchasing the aforesaid Towns Lands of the now Owners and possessors of the same, as for the Surveying and laying out of the same, and stating out the several Lots to be laid out in them, to the End the Length, Breadth and Extent of each Lot in each Town and Port may be known and distinguished, (that is to say,) For the said Town and Port of *Ann-Arundel* in *Ann-Arundel*-County

The Power of the Commissioners.

For the Port of *Ann-Arundel*.