

ing in the Secretary's Office or to be hung up in the Court House. And whereas part of the Town Land belonging to the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore, to whom Application hath been made to bestow the same upon the Town *Gratis*, which if his Lordship shall be pleased to do, least any Person or Persons, whose Lots may happen to be within the same, should thereby claim or pretend an Impunity against the Payment of the Charge assessed to each Lot, according to the Value thereof for other Lots,

Lord Baltimore's Land in said Town to be valued and paid for as other Lands.

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the same Land shall notwithstanding be Valued as the other Town Land, and each respective Person pay his proportionable Part to the Commissioners and Trustees for the Use of the Town: And further the said Commissioners or Trustees or the major Part of them or not less than the Number of three at least are hereby Authorized and Impowered to hear and determine all or any Action, Suite or Difference arising between the Towns Men, or Free-Men of the said Towns, for any thing accruing in the said Town not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, *Sterl.* or one Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, or the Value thereof in other Goods or Merchandizes, and to award Judgment and Execution thereon, and to that purpose to make and constitute such and so many Officers as shall be requisite for the holding, of a Court of Judicature, such as Clark, Cryer, Attorneys or Solicitors, the Sheriff of *Ann-Arundel County* being alway obliged to attend them. And to settle and mark such reasonable Fees and Allowances to them not exceeding half the Fees allowed to the Officers of County Courts. And to punish all Misdemeanors and Breaches of the Peace not extending to Life or Member, Committed or done within the said Town. And to impose any Fine or Fines either upon the Officers or Suitors to the said Court for any Neglect or Contempt of the Authority of the said Court, or otherwise, and the same to Execute, not exceeding the Sum of twenty Shillings *Sterling* or Two Hundred Pound of Tobacco in any such Fine, to be to the Use of the said Town: And the said Commissioners and Trustees aforesaid, are likewise hereby Impowered to make such Orders from Time to Time as need shall require, and to make such By-Laws, Rules and Orders for the good Government and Regulating the Inhabitants of the said Town; not being dissonant, but as near as may be consonant and agreeable to the good Laws of *England* and this Province.

Commissioners to determine differences arising amongst the Inhabitants.

For any matter not exceeding 5 l. or 10 col. of Tobacco

And to make Court Officers

And allow them Fees.

And Punish misdemeanours. To make orders and By-Laws.

And it is hereby declared, That his Excellency Francis Nicolson, Esq; present Governour of this Province, and the Members of His Majesty's most Honourable Council, and the several Burgesses of this present General Assembly; and every other Person or Persons having a Lot of Land in the Town and residing there, or a Trade in the Town Pasture, shall be deemed and taken as Free-men of the Town aforesaid, and no others: Saving that all Merchants, Masters, Mates, Gunners Carpenters and Boatwains that make this Port their Constant Port of Trade by two Voyages, or at least shall have and enjoy the Privilege of Freemen during their Residence or Residing at the Port aforesaid: And for the Encouragment of all sorts of Tradesmen, or Men of Calling to come and Inhabit in the Town aforesaid.

Who are Freemen

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Baker, Brewer, Tanner, Dyer or any such Tradesmen, that by the Practice of their Trade may any ways annoy or disquiet the Neighbours or Inhabitants of the Town, it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners and Trustees aforesaid, to allot and appoint to such Tradesmen such part or parcel of Land out of the present Town pasture, as to the said Commissioners shall seem meet and convenient, for the Exercise of such Trade

To encourage trades-mch.

Lands to be appointed them.