

some Clauses and Grants therein contained, they humbly pray that it may be Enacted.

And it is hereby Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That the said Charter to the City of Annapolis, bearing date at the said City the Twenty second Day of November, Anno 1708 in the 7th Year of Her Majesty's Reign, Sealed with the great Seal of this her Majesty's Province, and Signed with the Sign Manual of his Excellency John Seymour, Esq; Capt. General and Governour in Chief thereof, incorporating the Inhabitants of Annapolis into a City and Body Corporate, and the severall Articles, Clauses, Grants, Powers, Authorities and Priviledges therein contained, shall, by Virtue of this Act be held, taken, stand, remain and be firm and valid to all intents and purposes whatsoever within the same Charter mentioned and expressed, subject nevertheless to the severall Restrictions and Explanations herein specified and declared, (that is to say,) That it shall in no wise be intended, construed, meant or taken to infringe the Liberties and Priviledges of the Publick, either in Regard to the Publick Lands and Buildings by them heretofore Purchased and Built, but that the same shall be reserved and continued forever to the Uses and Purposes to which they have already been allotted; and that all and every the Judges and Justices of the severall Courts of Judicature, which have usually held their Courts within the same City in the publick Court-House thereof, shall and may continue so to do, and the Justices, Commissioners and Sheriff of Ann-Arundel County shall have, hold and exercise their Jurisdiction in as full and ample manner, to all intents and purposes, in the Port of Annapolis, as heretofore had been usual.

Charter granted.

Explained at Publick Right

And be it further Enacted and Declared, That the By-Laws to be made by the said Corporation shall not affect or be binding to any other the Inhabitants of this Province, but wholly restrained to the Inhabitants and Residents of the said City, and that the Clause in the said Charter empowering the Corporation to set Toll on Horses, Cattle and other Commodities to be sold on the two Fair Days, on the first of May, and of St. Michael the Arch-Angel, Yearly, shall not any wise enure, be construed or extended to empowering the Corporation to assess any Toll or Impost upon Cattle, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes whatsoever to be sold therein, if the Goods, Wares or Merchandizes should not amount to the Value of Twenty Shillings currant Money, but if it exceed Twenty Shillings Value, and not above Five Pounds current Money, then the Sum of Six Pence shall be paid for the Fee or Toll thereof; and for all Goods, &c. exceeding in Value Five pounds currant Money, then it shall be lawful to assess the sum of Twelve Pence Current Money, for the Fee or Toll thereof and no more.

By-Laws and Toll

And whereas the Citizens and Burgeses of the severall Borroughs in England have formerly been allowed but half Wages in Respect to the Salary of the Knights of the Shires,

Be it therefore further Enacted, That the Citizens representing the City of Annapolis shall only be allowed half the Wages to the Delegates and Representatives as is and shall be allowed to the Delegates of the severall Counties of this Province, and no more.

Burgeses Wages

And whereas Wornell Hunt, Esq; present Recorder of the said City, is not yet qualified for that Trust, by Reason he hath not been Resident in this Province during the Term of three Years; nevertheless the said Wornell Hunt, by virtue of this Act shall be deemed and is hereby qualified and enabled to hold and execute the said Office of Recorder of the said

Wornell Hunt, Esq; qualified Recorder