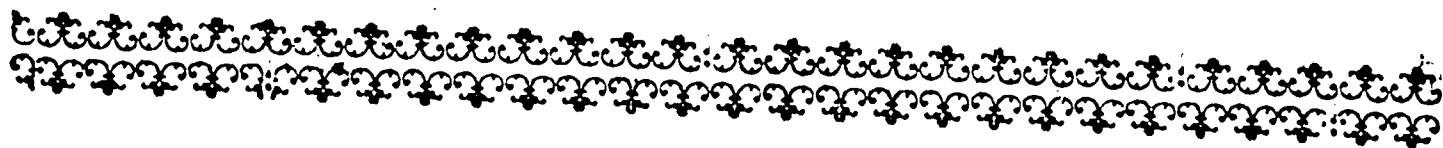


PROVIDED also, and be it further Enacted, That one Act made at a General Assembly, begun and held at the Port of *Annapolis* the Twenty sixth Day of *April*, One thousand seven hundred, Intituled, *An Act for the Service of Almighty God, and Establishment of Religion in this Province, according to the Church of England*, be, and is hereby repealed and made void.

Pass'd March 16th, 1701.



*An Act for Erecting Annarundell and Oxford Town into Ports and Towns.*

§ 6.

BE it Enacted by the King and Queen's 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 *Severne* in *Ann Arundell* 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 lawful Deputies, shall constantly reside at the said Towns and Ports; and also the Naval Officer or Officers, or their Deputies, shall constantly reside there, for giving Dispatch to all Ships or Vessels coming or trading into those Ports.

AND that the same Ports and Towns may be capable of being built upon, and inhabited by Persons desiring to dwell and inhabit in them; 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 Town Lands of the now Owners and Possessors of the same, as for the surveying and laying out the same, and staking 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 Arundell* in *Annarundell* County aforesaid, Major *John Hammond*, Major *Edward Dorsey*, Mr. *John Bennett*, Mr. *John Dorsey*, Mr. *Henry Constable*, Mr. *Andrew Norwood*, Mr. *Philip Howard*, Mr. *James Saunders*, and the Honourable *Nicholas Greenberry Esq*; and for the Town and Port in *Talbot* County in *Oxford* aforesaid, Mr. *Edward Mann*, Mr. *John Edmondson*, Mr. *Clement Saile*, Mr. *John Neals*, Mr. *John Hazwkins*, Mr. *Thomas Robins*, and Mr. *Thomas Robins junior*, the Honourable *George Roebotham*, Mr. *Thomas Smithson*, and Mr. *Robert Smith*.

AND be it Enacted, That the Commissioners herein nominated for each respective Town in each County aforesaid, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered, some time before the Five and twentieth Day of *February*, *Anno Domini*, One thousand six hundred ninety and four, to meet together upon the respective Lands and Places for Towns before mentioned, then and there to treat with, and agree with the Owners and all Persons interested in the said Lands, and buy and purchase of such Owners and others interested in the said Lands, One hundred Acres of the said Lands, at the Discretion of the Persons aforesaid, least prejudicial to the Owners: And they that purchase, shall cause