

Freight was published, as aforesaid, certifying the Rate of his Freight and Publication thereof, as aforesaid, under the Penalty of forfeiting Forty Shillings *Sterling* to the Uses aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid. And the Collectors and Naval Officers shall, at the Charge of the County, where such Collectors and Naval Officers inhabit, procure Copies of this Law, for each Copy whereof the County Clerk shall have Ten Pounds of Tobacco, and no more, and affix the same in their Office or Offices, on or before the Tenth Day of *December* next ensuing, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings *Sterling*, to be for such Neglect forfeited and paid to the Uses aforesaid, to be recovered as aforesaid.

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Revis'd May 28th, 1715.



An Act for ascertaining the Bounds of a certain Tract of Land to the Use of the Nanticoke Indians, so long as they shall occupy and live upon the same. No 17.

IT being most just that the *Indians*, the antient Inhabitants of this Province, should have a convenient Dwelling Place in this their Native Country, free from the Incroachments and Oppressions of the *English*, more especially the *Nanticoke Indians* in *Dorchester County*, who for these many Years have lived in Peace and Concord with the *English*, and in all Matters in Obedience to the Government of this Province: We the Burgeses and Delegates of this present General Assembly therefore do pray that it may be Enacted; and be it Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That all the Land, lying and being in *Dorchester County*, and on the North-side of *Nanticoke River*, butted and bounded as followeth; beginning at the Mouth of *Chichavan Creek*, and running up the said Creek bounded therewith, to the Head of the Main Branch of the same, and from the Head of the said Main Branch, with a Line drawn to the Head of a Branch issuing out of the North-West Fork of *Nanticoke*, known by the Name of *Francis Anderton's Branch*; and from the Head of the said Branch down the said *Anderton's Branch*, bounded therewith to the Mouth of the same, where it falls into the said North-West Fork, and from thence down the aforesaid North-West Fork bounded therewith, to the Main River, and so down the Main River to the Mouth of the aforesaid *Chichavan Creek*, shall be confirmed and assured, and by Virtue of this Act is confirmed and assured, unto *Panquash* and *Annotoughquan*, and the People under their Government or Charge, and their Heirs and Successors, for ever; Any Law, Usage, Custom, or Grant to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding, to be held of the Lord Proprietary and his Heirs, Lord Proprietary, or Lords Proprietaries of this Province, under the Yearly Rent of One Beaver Skin to be paid to his said Lordship, and his Heirs, as other Rents within this Province by the *English* used to be paid.

PROVIDED always, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons, that hath formerly taken up and obtained any Grants from the Lord *Baltimore*, for any Tracts or Parcels of Land within the aforesaid Boundaries, upon the *Indians* deserting or leaving the said Land, to enter, occupy, and enjoy the same; Any thing in this Law to the contrary notwithstanding.