

12° 34. *An Act requiring the Agents of the Lord Baltimore to certify into the Secretary's Office the Instructions and Conditions of Plantations, with the Fees by them demanded; and obliging his Lordship's Deputy Surveyors to qualifie themselves according to Law.*

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 the Lord *Baltimore's* Agents for granting Lands in this Province, on or before the Fourteenth Day of *May* next, shall make, certify, and hang up in the Secretary's Office, all such Instructions that the said Officers or Agents of the said Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province have from his Lordship, that concern the People of this Province, and all the present Condition or Conditions of Plantations, that all People may see and know by what Authority they act: And that they likewise prepare a List of what Fees they require for several Services by them done or to be done, which Fees shall be considered of by Two of Her Majesty's Council, and by Two or more Justices of the Provincial Court (which Fees the said Counsellors and Justices may lessen, as they see fit) and be allowed under the Hands of such Counsellors and Justices; or else it shall not be lawful for such his Lordship's Officers, Ministers, Agents, or Clerks, to demand or receive them, but when such Fees shall be allowed and approved on, as aforesaid. And such Officers, Agents, Ministers, and Clerks, having made Oath of such Services done, by which such Fees accrue, may have their Fees levied by Way of Execution, as other Officers and Clerks have, till the next Session of Assembly; and then such Fees shall by the Assembly be allowed or denied, altered or lessened, as the Assembly shall think fit. And if the said Agents and Officers refuse to make, hang up, and publish such Instructions, Conditions, and Lists of Fees, as aforesaid, within the Time limited as aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit to Her Majesty, for his or their Neglect and Contempt, the Sum of Twenty Pounds *Sterling* Money; One Half to Her Majesty for Support of Government, the other Half to him or them that will sue for the same, by Action of Debt in Her Majesty's Provincial Court, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That if any Surveyor whatsoever, already appointed and commissioned, or hereafter to be appointed and commissioned by the said Lord Proprietary, his Agents, or any other Person, who may be by his said Lordship impowered so to do, shall, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, presume, by Virtue of any Warrant from his Lordship's Land Office, or otherwise, to measure or survey any Lands for or belonging to any Person whatsoever, before such Surveyor or Surveyors shall first duly qualifie him or themselves, by taking the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, for their Fidelity to the Crown of *England*, and Maintaining the Succession thereto, as by Law Established, and also an Oath for the Faithful Execution of his or their Offices, to be administered to them in the respective County Courts where they shall officiate, or by some one Justice of the Provincial Court, such Surveyor or Surveyors shall forfeit One hundred Pounds *Sterling* to Her Majesty; the One Half wherof for the Support of Government, the other Half to such Person, who shall inform or sue for the same, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.