

son or Persons so taking up, entering, building upon, and following the Directions of the said Laws; their Heirs and Assigns shall have, hold and enjoy a good, sure and indefeazable Estate of Inheritance in Fee-Simple, of, in and to every such Lot and Lots of Land so taken up and built on as aforesaid, (according to the said Laws and Directions) to them and their Heirs for ever, as fully, freely and amply, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said former Laws were still in Force, and had never been repealed.

*Provided always,* That where any Person or Persons that hath or have so taken up, built and improved, and hath not paid the Price set upon the same, that every such Person is hereby enjoyned to pay the said Value of the said Lot to the Owner and Claimer of the Land, upon Demand, without Fraud or Covin.

Persons that have not paid, are to pay on demand.

And whereas it is represented to this present General Assembly, that several of the inhabitants of this Province, and others that have taken up several Lots in several Town-Lands, laid out and surveyed for Towns, according to the Direction of several Laws of this Province lately made, (*That is to say,*) One Act of Assembly made at a General Assembly begun and held at the Port of *Annapolis*, the Second Day of *April*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Six; entituled, *An Act for Advancement of Trade, and erecting Ports and Towns within this Province of Maryland*; one other Act made at a General Assembly begun and held at the Port of *Annapolis* the Fifteenth Day of *April*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven, entituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for Advancement of Trade, and erecting Ports and Towns*; And one other Act made a General Assembly of this Province, held at the Port of *Annapolis*, the Twenty Ninth Day of *November*, *Anno Dom'* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eight, entituled, *An additional Act to the supplementary Act for Advancement of Trade, and erecting Ports and Towns within this Province, and for Sale of some Publick Lands and Buildings in the Town of St. Mary's in St. Mary's County*; as by the several Acts of Assembly aforesaid, remaining upon Record in the Secretary's Office may appear, relying and depending on the Benefits and Priviledges in the said Laws granted, did enter and build upon such Lots, according to the Directions of the said Laws:

Act in 1706;

1708.

*Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That all and every Person and Persons, that, during the Continuance of the before-mentioned Laws, did take up a Lot or Lots, and thereon built according to the Dimensions prescribed by the said Laws, or any of them, in any Town-Land laid out and allotted for a Town by the former Laws, or any of them, their Heirs and Assigns, shall have, hold and enjoy a good, sure and indefeazable Estate of Inheritance in Fee-simple, of, in and to such Lot and Lots so taken up and built upon as aforesaid.

Confirm'd to those that comply'd therewith.

*Provided,* That where the Owner of any Tract of Land, laid out for a Town, by any of the aforesaid Acts, is unpaid, for any Lot taken up and built upon, according to the Directions of the said Laws, such Owners may, after Request made, have an Action of Debt for the Value of such Lot, according to the Value of the Commissioners or Jurors empowered to value the same by such former Law, against any Taker-up or Owner of any such Lot or Lots, that hath not paid for the same, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record within this Province, that can hold Plea of the same.

But on Non-Payment, Owners may have Action of Debt.