

*An ACT for the Relief of Ann-Arundel County,
and all Persons concern'd in the Records thereof
heretofore burnt.*

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WHEREAS there was an Act made at a Sessions of Assembly, begun and held at the Port of *Annapolis*, the Fifteenth Day of May, *Anno Domini* Seventeen Hundred and Five, Entituled, *An Act for the Relief of Ann-Arundel County, and all Persons concerned in the Records thereof lately burnt*; which said recited Act has been for some Time expired; and for that by Means of Infancy, Coverture, Absence, or other Impediments or Causes of Delay, several Persons have not as yet had their Deeds and other Matters recorded again, according to the Directions of the aforesaid Act, during the Continuance thereof: Wherefore, that all Persons may have the Benefit as designed by the said Act, it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted:

A former Act being expired, to the Prejudice of Infants, &c. who could not have their Deeds recorded,

And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of Anne-Arundel County-Court to act and proceed according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said recited Act, in all Matters and Things therein mentioned, as if Commission for that Purpose had issued to them, according to the Directions of the said Act; and that what they shall do by Virtue of the said recited Act, during the Continuance of this Act, so that the same be agreeable to the Power and Authority of the aforesaid recited Act, shall be as good and valid in Law, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the said recited Act had always hitherto continued, and yet proceeded to continue in full Force; any Law, Usage or Custom, or the Discontinuance of the said recited Act, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

The Justices of Ann-Arundel County may act in all Things relating thereto, as if the said Act were in Force.

By His Honour the Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, October 7, 1723.

IT is ordained, That all and every private Person or Persons, in whose Hands any of the ancient Papers, Records and Registries of Towns in this Province are now lodged, deliver the same to the several County Clerks, to be lodged and recorded, and kept as Records in the several Counties where the Towns lie; and that the Receipt of the County-Clerks shall be sufficient to discharge the said Persons in whose Hands such Records or other Papers are. And that the Copy hereof be transmitted to the several Counties, with the Copy of the Laws.

Ordinance of Assembly, relating to the recording of Papers.

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