

It has been thought proper to add to the Publick Body of Laws, the Two following, relating to the City of *Annapolis*, (which were deem'd private Ones,) the First was made in the Year 1718, the Second in the Year 1725.

An ACT for settling all Disputes concerning the Boundaries of the severall Lots within the City of Annapolis, and confirming the same to the respective Takers-up, Improvers and Purchasers thereof; and for laying out Ten Acres of Land out of the Town-pasture into Twenty Lots more to be added to the said City.

WHEREAS the Original Plat of Survey of the Town of *Annapolis*, now erected into a City, has been destroyed by the Fire of the Stadt-House, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Four, and little or no Foot-steps left to find out the Bounds of the severall Lots, whereby many Disputes and Law-suits are like to arise among the Inhabitants and Proprietors of the said Lots; and forasmuch as Justice may the more speedily, and at far less Charges, be administered upon any such Disputes, by Three or more indifferent Persons appointed by Law to act as Commissioners, to hear, and finally determine them, and ascertain the Boundaries and Proprietorships of the Lots within the said City, as near as may be, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Original Surveys of such Proprietorships, and of the Lots of the Town and Port of *Annapolis*, made by Mr. *Richard Beard*, deceased. It is therefore prayed that it might be Enacted,

*And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, 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 the Honourable Col. William Holland, Col. Thomas Addison, Capt. Daniel Mariartee, and Mr. Alexander Warfield, or any Three of them, be and are hereby appointed, authorized and impowered Commissioners for hearing and finally determining all or any the Disputes that have and may arise among any the Takers-up, Improvers or Purchasers of all or any the Lot or Lots of Land laid out within the said City, concerning either the Property or Bounds of any the said Lots; and that to that End, the aforesaid Commissioners, or the major Part of them, together with James Stoddart Esq; who is hereby appointed to survey the aforesaid City, and the severall Lots, Streets and Publick Grounds therein, do, sometime before the First Day of August, in this present Year of our Lord God Seventeen Hundred and Eighteen, meet within the same City; and calling before them, or the major Part of them, the respective Proprietors and Claimers of the Lots aforesaid, here and examine their Pretensions thereto, and cause the Bounds thereof to be ascertained and staked out, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Original Plat or Survey of the Town of *Annapolis*, heretofore made by the aforesaid Mr. *Richard Beard*, so that no Man that has built by Mistake be ousted of his Possession; and finally to ascertain the Properties of the severall Claims therein; and cause their severall Determinations to be fairly transcribed and transmitted in the Secretary's Office of this Province, as the settled and indisputable Bounds and Properties of all and singular*