

1718.

APRIL.

CHARLES LORD BALTIMORE.

CHAP. XIX.

in and to the respective takers up and builders thereon; and to their heirs and assigns, in all or any the aforesaid twenty lots so to be laid out as aforesaid, any law, statute or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

V. PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, and it is the true intent and meaning of this act, That no person already possessing a lot, or any part of a lot, within the said city, shall have liberty to take up any of the said twenty lots, for and during the space of two whole years from the laying out the said twenty lots, nor shall any person take up any the said twenty lots in the name of any other for his own use.

How vacancies are to be filled, &c.

VI. AND, for the continuing the succession of commissioners and surveyor until the business referred to them be completed, BE IT ENACTED, as aforesaid, That in case of the death or absence of any the said commissioners or surveyor, that the survivors be, as they are hereby, empowered to choose others, by majority of voices, to serve in the stead or place of such as are absent or deceased; and also that the said commissioners be allowed each fifteen shillings per day for their attendance; and that all charges arising on the execution of this law, shall be ascertained by the said commissioners, and satisfied and raised by an equal assessment by the lot, upon the several proprietors thereof, to be levied in such manner as the said commissioners shall direct; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, are hereby empowered and authorized to inquire if any thing be due, and if any thing, what is due from the public for any part of the lands laid out in the city aforesaid, for the use of the public, and to make their report thereof to the next assembly, to the end that the proprietors of the said lands may have just satisfaction made them for the same.

Proceedings to be recorded.

VII. AND BE IT LIKEWISE FURTHER ENACTED, That the clerk of the mayor's court for the time being be clerk to the said commissioners to enter their proceedings in the premises aforesaid, which said proceedings shall be entered in the records of the mayor's court, whereto all persons concerned may have recourse.

Oaths to be taken.

VIII. AND BE IT LIKEWISE ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall take the oaths appointed to be taken by the act for ascertaining the bounds of land within this province, in the like manner as is directed by that act.

1719.

At a SESSION of ASSEMBLY begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, in the county of Anne-Arundel, the 14th day of May, in the 4th year of the dominion of the right honourable CHARLES, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, &c. and ended the 8th day of June following, in the 5th year of his lordship's dominion, *annoque domini 1719*, were enacted the laws following, viz.

JOHN HART, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

CHAP. I.

Passed 8th of June, 1719.

An ACT reviving an act of assembly of this province, entitled; (a) An act for the ordering and regulating the militia of this province, for the better defence and security thereof. Lib. LL. No. 4. fol. 422.

(a) 1715, ch. 43. hereby continued three years, &c.

CHAP.