

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT to enable the rector, vestrymen and churchwardens, for the time being, of St. Anne's parish, in Anne-Arundel county, to lease certain lots in the city of Annapolis, in manner and to the uses therein mentioned. Lib. BLC. fol. 271. Repealed 1747, ch. 24.

Passed 29th of October, 1742.

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An ACT for laying out and erecting a town at a place called Long Point, on the west side of North-East river, in Cæcil county. Lib. BLC. fol. 273.

Supplementary acts 1744, ch. 22, and 1750, ch. 12. See also 1753, ch. 28.

WHEREAS the encouragement of trade and navigation is the surest means of promoting the happiness, and increasing the riches of every country, and that such trade is with the greatest ease and advantage carried on, when the same is drawn into and fixed in one or more convenient places, whereby it appears, that erecting towns, and granting proper immunities and privileges for the encouragement of people to inhabit therein, must greatly contribute to so desirable an end, and there being as yet no such place settled at or near the head of Chesapeake bay, although from the great extent of the country round, and the want of navigable water above it, the same seems altogether necessary; it is therefore humbly prayed that it may be enacted,

Preamble.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the authority of the same, That colonel Thomas Colvill, captain Nicholas Hyland, Mr. Benjamin Pearce, Mr. William Alexander, Mr. Henry Baker, Mr. Zebulon Hollingsworth and Mr. John Read, be and are hereby empowered, authorized and appointed, commissioners to put this act in execution, according to the directions hereafter mentioned; that is to say, that the aforesaid commissioners, or the major part of them, shall, at some convenient time by them to be appointed and agreed upon, before the twentieth day of May next ensuing the end of this present session of assembly, meet upon a parcel of land, commonly known by the name of Long Point, lying in Cæcil county, on the west side of North-East river, and shall then, or at any other time or times to which they shall or may adjourn, with the assistance of the deputy-surveyor of the said county, survey and lay out for a town two hundred acres of the parcel of land aforesaid, which shall to them, or the major part of them, appear to be most fit and convenient for that purpose, into two hundred convenient lots, with proper streets, lanes and alleys, as also three hundred acres of land for a common to the said town, lying thereto contiguous, in such manner as to them, or the major part of them, shall seem proper, and the same lots shall stake out, mark and distinguish by the number 1, 2, 3, and so on, to the number two hundred.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That the surveyor aforesaid shall make two exact plots, with certificates particularly expressing the lots, streets, lanes and alleys of the said town, with their numbers, lengths, breadths and names, of every of them, one of which plots and certificates, subscribed by the said surveyor, and the aforesaid commissioners, or the major part of them, shall be delivered to the governor for the time being, and the other, subscribed as aforesaid, to the clerk of the county aforesaid, to be by him safely kept, and the certificate thereof enrolled amongst the records of the same county; which said plot and certificate lodged in the custody of the said clerk, all persons shall and may, by virtue of this act, have free liberty to inspect without any fee or reward.

Two plots to be returned, &c.

IV. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, shall and are hereby empowered to treat and agree with the proprietor or proprietors, owner or owners, or persons interested in the land aforesaid, so as aforesaid to be laid out into a town and common, or with the agents, factors, or other persons authorized by them, for the price or value thereof, in current money of Maryland, at any time before the twentieth day of May aforesaid, but if it shall so happen that the said commissioners cannot agree with the said proprietor or proprietors, owners or other persons, upon reasonable terms, or that by reason of absence, coverture, infancy, or other disability or impediment, such agreement cannot be made, that then, and in any such case, the said commissioners, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to issue their warrant, directed to the sheriff of the county aforesaid, who is hereby required to execute the same, commanding him to summon twenty-four of the best and most substantial freeholders of the same county, in which case, no person who is by law capable of giving a vote for or being elected as a delegate, shall be exempted, to be and appear before the said commissioners, or

Commissioners to agree for land, &c.

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