

Lett^r wife on island whereas formerly William Wrights land being
 the said Act to y^e contrary notwithstanding. And whereas it was in and by
 the said Act intended and enacted that the Commissioners in the said Act
 named for each respective County within this province or y^e Major
 part of them who sh^d thereby Impowerd Jurisdiction before the first
 Twentieth day of March then next following and now past to
 meet together upon the Respective Lands and places in the Act before
 mentioned or att^r from other convenient place near thereabouts
 and should then and there Great and charge wth y^e Owners and all
 persons interested in the said Lands and buy and purchase of
 Owners and persons interested in y^e said Lands. one hundred Acres
 of y^e said Lands in the discretion of y^e said Commissioners least Judging
 to y^e Owners: and after purchase thereof should cause y^e same to
 be surveyed & after the survey so made of y^e said one hundred Acres
 of land should cause the same to be marked staked out and
 divided into convenient Streets & lands in such manner as in the
 said Act is more particularly sett forth: and whereas several
 Doubts and disputes have been arisen Touching^{the} words (y^e said Com^{rs}
 or y^e Major part of y^m) whether a less number then thirteen of y^e said
 Commissioners of each respective County aforesaid had power to proceed
 with y^e Owners of y^e Lands and to sell Lay out and survey y^e or
 hundred Acres of land for y^e several Towns ports and places
 aforesaid. Notwithstanding it was in and by the said Act intended
 the said Commissioners in each respective County wth in this province
 or any five of them should execute the Authority in y^e said Act
 prescribed by pretext whereof & y^e great difficulty of getting so good
 a number of y^e Commissioners together by Reason of their Re-
 moteness of habitation y^e shortness of time and want of survey
 and other Impediments y^e Execution of y^e said Act hath been much
 retarded Many of y^e said Towns ports & places as yett not
 purchased layd out or surveyed: and very few or none layd
 out into Lots and staked out as by y^e said Act is directed: the
 time for y^e doing thereof being now elapsed so good and several
 Benefitt for y^e Advancement of y^e Trade of this province by
 said Act intended is like to be wholly frustrated: For prevent^{ing}
 whereof and to the Intent y^e said Act may be put into full
 execution: The Delegates and Deputies of this present^{General} Assembly
 doe Humbly pray that it may be enacted And be it