

Cowndes & ports & several other places in many Counties  
have by y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants thereof been much piteously & upon former  
tomodiour places and more conveniently furnished with all  
requisites fitt for Cowndes of Craded & tumbled w<sup>th</sup> were they  
erected into Cowndes & ports would highly tend to y<sup>e</sup> carrying &  
bringing even to p<sup>er</sup>son for great & good a work as by y<sup>e</sup> Act  
before recited was intended. to y<sup>e</sup> end therefore y<sup>t</sup> all possible  
Encouragement may be given to a vigorous p<sup>ro</sup>secution of an affair  
soe highly importing y<sup>e</sup> Honor & Wellfair of this Province the  
Delegates of this Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly doe pray that it may be  
Enacted. And be it Enacted by y<sup>e</sup> Right hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord  
Prop<sup>r</sup> by & with y<sup>e</sup> advice & consent of y<sup>e</sup> upper & lower  
houses of this p<sup>re</sup>sent Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly and the Authority of y<sup>e</sup>  
said that the Cowndes ports & places herein after particularly  
mentioned be & are hereby doo & made ports & places equal  
with y<sup>e</sup> other Cowndes formerly by y<sup>e</sup> act aforesaid or other of the  
made & appointed where all shipp<sup>s</sup> & vessells trading into this  
Province shall vnlade & p<sup>ro</sup>vision shore & sell barter & trafique  
where all to barter away all good wares & Manufactures of y<sup>e</sup> growth production  
of Ball & imported into this Province otherwise & manufacture of this Province intended to be sold here or  
transported out of this Province shall be for that end & intent  
brought to y<sup>e</sup> said port & places (that is to say) in the County of St  
Maries at pils fresh on both sides of the said fresh on y<sup>e</sup> land of  
Mr Joseph Pils and Thomas Symphon in Kent County a Cowndes port  
or place at Swan Creek on y<sup>e</sup> plantation & land of W<sup>m</sup> Stanley do be  
called Millford Cowndes in Calvert County one other Cowndes port or  
place at Harvey Cowndes and the land adjarant therin in Charles County  
one Cowndes port or place at lower Cedar point in Putney hundred  
on or neere y<sup>e</sup> land late of Mr James Sir. deceased and one other  
at dangys point in Mattawomen or St Thomas Creek in Baltimore  
County a Cowndes port or place in Spotsly Creek on the land formerly