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Other in Chopticoe Bay with two very great steep Hills adjoining to the
 said Rivers by which means the Carriage of Goods or Tobacco over either
 of the said Rivers or hills is impossible, and whereas there's now Towne
 Assigned or appointed by Act of Assembly within the first hundred
 hundred or that part of Chopticoe hundred between the Rivers aforesaid
 by which means a very great & considerable quantity of tobacco made
 in & upon the premises cannot possibly be conveyed or transported to any
 Towne in St. Merics County or any other Towne as is by Act of Assembly
 appointed & Commaunded but must be soe done with great difficulty
 & hazard by water, for Remedys whereof & for the Redress of so great a
 Grievance. Be it Enacted by the Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^r & with the
 Advice & consent of the upper & Lower houses of this present Gen^l Assembly
 and the authority of the same that one hundred Acres of Land to
 be Assigned laid out & Surveyed on the North side of wicocomocoe River
 Between white point & bluff point upon the Land of Cap^t Gerrard Slyd
 within the County aforesaid to be called or knowne by the name of
 wicocomocoe towne for such use & use and under such limitations &
 Restrictions & qualifications as any other Towne or Townes already
 Built are or by the Law ought to be any other Law or usage to the
 contrary notwithstanding, & whereas the Inhabitants of Lunasford Bay
 hundred in the County of Kent have humbly prayed that they may
 have a towne upon a certain point in the said Bay called Luckway
 point, they having no Towne port or place of trade where to they can
 carry their goods & Merchandizes but with great difficulty & change
 of winds and danger of Endammageing their said goods & Merchandizes
 in Lading & unlading at the adjacent Townes by means of great
 Shoales. Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that
 one hundred Acres of Land on the said Luckway point being formerly
 the Land of Toby Wells for the use & benefit of the Inhabitants of the
 said Bay be Surveyed & laid out for a towne port & place of Trade
 to be called by the name of Gloucester Towne under such limitations &
 with the benefit of such privileges as to other Townes nominated &
 Appointed by the Act for Advancement of Trade & Supplementary Acts to
 the same are allowed, and whereas alsoe It is found absolutely
 Necessary for the conveniency of the Inhabitants of the severall
 (hundreds)