

returned before the Revolution as aforesaid but the same,  
either not arrived into the Land Office of this Province or if not  
was no patents as yett granted for the same and his Lordship  
having shut up the Land Office of this Province and no person  
being qualified to grant patents for the same they and others  
in the like condition are in great danger of losing the benefits  
and State of and in their said Land so laid out and surveyed  
as aforesaid in tender consideration whereof and for prevention of  
such Inconveniency within this Province. Your Maties most Dutifull  
and Loyall Subjects the Burgesses and Delegates of this present  
Generall Assembly pray That it may be Enacted, And Be it en-  
acted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by  
with the Advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the  
Authority of the same That any person or persons whatsoever being  
free Denizens and Subjects to the Crown of England that at any time  
heretofore within the Space of five Years last past had obtained of  
his Lordship the Lord Proprietary of this Province from himselfe  
or from any person by from or under him any Warrant or Warrant  
for any parcell or parcels of Land either of Survey or to be  
taken up within this Province and by virtue of which any parcell  
or parcels of Land whatsoever was by any Lawfull Surveyor of any  
County within this Province Surveyed and laid out at any time  
before the Tenth day of July one Thousand Six hundred Eighty &  
Nine and no patent as yett by his Lordship granted for the same  
Such person or persons by himselfe or his Attorney at any time within  
Twelve months from and after the publication of this Law in the  
County where such Land lyeth appearing before the Justices of  
respective Counties in which the Land lyeth as aforesaid and presenting  
to the Justices of the said County Courts a Certificate under the hand  
Such Surveyor as made the Survey of any parcell or parcels  
as aforesaid and proving the same by his Oath or by  
Surveyor if living or by the Book of such Surveyor