

And doo three yeares or to the end of the next Generall
Assembly
The Lower house have Assented

The upper house have Assented

John Gittings Clerk

An Act for Seating of Lands in
Baltimore County

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The Lords and Commons of this Assembly (upon a petⁿ presented
by the Major parte of the Burgesses of Baltimore
County) considering the inability of Baltimore
County to defend it self by reason of the few Inha-
bitants therein And y^e occasioned by divers persons in-
-volving many & great tracts of land whereby those that
would have seats therein are hindered there being no
land to take up, And what is already taken up cannot
be purchased but at excessive rates whereby the said County
is in no probability (of a long time) to be able to defend
it self by their numbers. For it therefore Ordered
by the Lords Prop^r by virtue the consent of the upper
& lower house of this present Generall Assembly that
all persons who have land lying & being in Baltimore
County in the Province of Maryland shall att or before
the 25th Day of November: 1664. seat the same And
if such persons as aforesaid do not seat their respective
tracts of land then it shall be lawful for any one
who hath adofine to live in Baltimore County to
take up any such tract of land (not seated as
aforesaid) to seat thereon as if it never had
been taken up or patented; Provided that
whosoever shall take up such land as aforesaid
shall seat the said Land with three able