

Maryland

At a session of Assembly begun and  
 held at the City of Annapolis in the  
 County of Ann Arundee the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of July  
 in the first year of the Dominion of  
 the Right honorable Charles absolute Lord  
 and proprietor of the province of  
 Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of  
 Baltimore & Company Don One  
 thousand Seven hundred and Sixty seven His  
 Excellency John Hart Esq. Gov<sup>r</sup>  
 were enacted the Laws following  
 viz

An Act for repairing the Damages  
 already sustained in the Records of the Land  
 Secretaries Commissarys and County Court offices  
 and for the Securing of y<sup>e</sup> same Records for the  
 future.

Whereas upon a View and Inquiry into the Records of the Land  
 Secretaries Commissarys and County Court offices of this province it appears  
 that sundry matters which have been recorded therein are Intirely lost to the  
 great prejudices of those concerned and a great parte of such as remaine are  
 so very much worn and Damnyfied that without a speedy Care is taken for  
 their Amendment it is like to prove of very ill and dangerous Consequences  
 to the Inhabitants of this province in generall the most valuable parte of  
 their Estates Intirely depending thereon All forasmuch as the said  
 Circumstances of the Records of the Land Secretaries and Commissarys offices  
 are owing as well to the damages they sustained by transporting them from  
 St Maries to this City as to the Negligence of the severall officers and Cks that  
 have hitherto been Intrusted therewith, and the want of good and sufficient  
 books at first they not being under any Obligation or penalty to find such  
 Books