

understood, Cannot Possibly Give a Just Verdict
in most Cases and frequent Appeals
and Additional Charges thereby according
to the wants of this Province, Especially the poorer sort
oppressed or very much Impaired and many
and give up their Just right to their more
various, Rather then suffer the Loss of time and fatigue
of a long Journey, and longer and more tedious attendance.
such as the Multitude of Cases varying in their several
cases will not admit of any general rule to be prescribed
the Court and Jury may judge of and Determine the Matter
Therefore this present Generall Assembly doe
pray that it may be Enacted and be so Enacted by
the Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietarie by and with the Advice and Consent
of his Excellency Governour, and the upper and Lower houses of Assembly
the Authority of the same That nine persons in each respective County
well skilled in the art of surveying and best
acquainted with the Nature and Designe of ancient surveys and of
the County (none of them being Surveyor of the
County) as the Governour and Council for the time being shall
order shall be Commissioned and Impowered under the Great
Seal of this Province by the Governour for the time being
with full Power by Vestue of such Commission and the Authority of this
Act to take the Oaths appointed by Law and Subscribe
the same and Test before any person Qualified to
doe the same And Likewise the following Oath - "I A. B. do
swear Justly and Truly execute the powers & Authority in this Act
contained to the best of my Knowledge without favour or affection
to any Person or Persons Concerned" So help me God &c
And that all and respective Courts houses the second day of every
Month shall receive the petitions (which must be in writing) of all
parties that shall have Occasion to make Application to them for
the recovery of the bounds of any Land lying within such County
and that the party Complaining or Petitioning Twenty days before
such petition shall have given due Notice to all persons that
are Interested or Concerned in the bounds of such Land by
posting a true Copy of the same at the Court House door and Parish Churchwardens
at the same time and place, and that when such party doth
make such Application he shall produce a true Copy of the same
to which Time and place all persons