

Whereas the Original Plat of Survey of the Town of Annapolis now erected
 into a City has been Destroyed by the fire of the Mad. house in the year one thousand
 Seven hundred and four and little or no footsteps left to find out the bounds of the
 Severall Lots whereby many Disputes and Law Suits are like to arise among the
 Inhabitants and Proprietors of the said City and for as much as Justice may the
 more speedily and at less Charges be Administered upon any such Disputes
 by three or more Independent persons Appointed by Law to act as Commissioners
 to hear and finally Determine them and to ascertain the boundaries and
 Proprietorships of the Lots within the said City as near as may be according to
 true Intent and meaning of the Original Surveys of such Proprietorships and
 of the Lots of the town and port of Annapolis made by M^r. Richard Beard-
 deceased It is therefore prayed that it might be Enacted A. N. C. - Be it
 Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Proprietarie by and with the Advice
 and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the Upper and Lower houses of
 Assembly and the Authority of the Same that the Hon^{ble} Col. William Hollander
 Cap^t. Thomas Addison Cap^t. Daniel Marriette and M^r. Alex^r. Warfield or any
 three of them be and are hereby Appointed Authorized and Impowered Com^{rs}.
 for hearing and finally Determining all or any the Disputes that have and may
 arise among any the Sellers up Improves or Purchases of all or any the Lots
 of Land Laid out within the said City Concerning either the property or bounds
 of any the said Lots and that to that End the a^d. Com^{rs}. or the Major part of
 them together with James Stodart Esq^r who is hereby appointed to Survey the
 a^d. City and the Severall Lots Streets and publick Grounds therein do Assemble
 on the first Day of August in this present year of our Lord God 1718 meet
 within the same City and Calling before them or the Major part of them the respective
 Proprietors and Claimers of the Lots a^d. hear and examine their Pretensions thereto
 and Cause the bounds thereof to be Ascertained and Staked out according to
 true Intent and Meaning of the Original Plat or Survey of the Town of
 Annapolis heretofore made by the a^d. M^r. Richard Beard so that no man who
 has built by Mistake be Ousted - of his possession, and finally to Ascertain
 the Properties of the Severall Claims therein and Cause their Severall
 Determinations to be fairly Transcribed and transmitted in the Secretarys
 Office of this Province as the settled and Indisputable bounds and Property
 of all and singular the said Lots and parts Claiming the same and to
 the End that the respective Owners of any parcels or Quantity of Land
 lying within the Survey or Plat of the said City may receive just and
 Equitable Satisfaction from the Severall Claimers or possessors of such
 Lots as may happen to fall within the respective bounds they Claim
 property in - Be it Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent
 a^d. that such respective Owners or Claimers of any Quantity or Parcel