

In Act for the Vesting and Settling an Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple of and in a certain parcel or Lot of Ground in the City of Annapolis Containing One hundred twenty feet in Length on Robert Johnson of Annapolis County Ship Carpenter

Whereas his late Excellency Col. Nicholson having Given a certain parcel or Lot of Ground to the use of such Ship Carpenters who would Inhabit therein and follow their Trades within this Province, And whereas the said Robert Johnson having petitioned this present Generall Assembly that One hundred and Twenty feet in length along the Waterside by the Name of a Lot of Ground might be confirmed to him his heirs and Assignes for ever by an Act to be passed in his favour: having sett forth in his Petition that he would build a Dwelling house and Shipyard on the same

It is therefore Enacted by his Lordship the Honorable the Lord proprietor by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper and Lower houses of Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same That the said Robert Johnson his heirs and Assignes for ever here by are vested in a good sure Indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple in and unto the aforesaid parcel of Land at the upper End of the said Lot with the whole breadth thereof any Law Customs or Usage heretofore had made or used within this Province to the contrary notwithstanding Provided always that if the said Robert Johnson his heirs or Assignes shall apply the said parcel of the Lot of Ground aforesaid to any other use than that of a Ship Carpenters Yard (except necessary Buildings for that Service) and also fail to pay the Incorporation of the City of Annapolis five Shillings Current Money Annually for the Ground heul thereof within two months after reasonable request made, and shall also neglect to Carry on the business of Shipwright for the space of twelve months together and pay the proprietor the proportionable part of the Incorporation thereon that then it shall and maybe Lawfull to and for the said Incorporation in to the said parcel or Lot of Ground (as aforesaid) and the same to be enjoyed in as full and ample Manner to all intents and purposes as if this present Act had not been passed any Law Custom or usage with in this province to the contrary notwithstanding

May the 26: 1719

Read and assented to by the lower House of Assembly And signed by the Speaker of the same

Read and assented to by the upper house of Assembly And signed by the President of the same

June the 6: 1719 On behalf of his Lordship the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietor of this Province

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