

At a General Session of A S S E M B L Y,
 begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*,
 on *Tuesday* the Twelfth Day of *July*, 1726,
 the following Laws were Enacted.

*An A C T for Uniting Part of Baltimore County,
 to Anne-Arundel County.*



HEREAS the several Inhabitants on the *South Side* of *Patapsco River*, in *Baltimore County*, have, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly set forth, That for many Years past, they have suffered great Inconveniencies by the Distance of their Residence from the Court-house of their County, which is so scituate that even moderate Rains render it inaccessible; for thereby many Falls, as well as several Runs, which must be past, are utterly unfordable, which constantly subjects such of them as are obliged to attend the County-Courts, to the Censure of such Court, and very often to grievous Fines:

A N D Forasmuch as it is evidently made appear to this present General Assembly, that the Petitioners, or such of them as then resided on the *South Side* of *Patapsco River*, aforesaid, were formerly Part of *Anne-Arundel County*; and that they, when *Baltimore County* was in it's Infancy, were lopt off from *Anne-Arundel County*, meerly and with no other Intent than to bear a Part of the necessary Charge of the said *Baltimore County*, with the few Inhabitants that were then therein, which, though their Taxes were much increased thereby, they bore with Patience:

A N D Forasmuch as great Part of the Land in *Anne-Arundel County* is so much worn out, that several of the former Inhabitants thereof have of late Years removed into *Baltimore County*, for sake of the fresh Lands there: As also, that on Inspection it's found that when the now Inhabitants on the *South Side* of *Patapsco River*, in *Baltimore County* aforesaid, are taken from that County, and made Part of *Anne-Arundel*, there will still remain One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety One Taxables, as appears by the List of Taxables now returned from that County, which is a Number that far exceeds those in Four or Five other Counties of this Province: And that it appears by the said List of Taxables, that the Number of Taxables since last Year has increased near Two Hundred, and in all Probability will in a very few Years (by Lands being daily seated and taken up on the Branches of *Susquehanna-River*, and other Rivers, in the said County) be much improved: The Premises aforesaid being considered by this present General Assembly, It is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

And