

*An ACT for Erecting a new Parish, out of that Part of St. Paul's Parish that lies in Anne-Arundel County, and out of All-Hallow's and St. Anne's Parishes in the said County.*

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this present General Assembly, by the Inhabitants in and about *Elk-Ridge*, in *Anne-Arundel* County, That they have been for many Years in a melancholly Condition, for want of the Gospel, and the Blessed Means thereof, dispenced among them, the Parish-Church in *St. Paul's* Parish aforesaid, where they live, lying at such Distance, and the Falls so difficult, that it is impossible for them and their Families to repair to it: And therefore the said Inhabitants humbly prayed, that they might have a new Parish taken out of the several Parishes aforesaid, according to the Bounds hereafter expressed:

And whereas, the Rev. Messieurs *William Tibbs*, *John Humphrys*, and *Joseph Colebatch*, the present Incumbents of the several Parishes aforesaid, having had due Notice hereof, and making no material Objections against the Passing of an Act as above prayed; and forasmuch as the Prayer of the Petitioners aforesaid, is thought reasonable by the present General Assembly to be granted as prayed,

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of December next ensuing, all the remaining Part heretofore called *Elk-Ridge* Hundred, which was not annexed to *Westminster* Parish, being now Part of *St. Paul's* Parish aforesaid, and all that Part of *All-Hallow's* Parish bounded by a Line drawn from the Mouth of *Rogues Harbour* Branch, on *Patuxent* River, to the North Branch, or *Snowden's* River, on the Southward of *Thomas Jones's* Plantation: Also all that Part of *St. Anne's* Parish bounded by a Line drawn from the Mouth of a small Branch running into *Patuxent* River, and lying between the Plantations of *John Ryon* and *Rose Lee*, and running by a streight Line through the Woods, till it intersects the former Divisional Line between *Anne-Arundel* and *Baltimore* Counties, including therein the Plantations of *John Ryon*, and *John Barber*; shall be taken from the several Parishes aforesaid, and be erected into a new Parish, and called by the Name of *Queen Caroline*; And shall from and after the Time aforesaid, by Virtue of this Act, be deemed, adjudged, reputed and taken for *Queen Caroline* Parish, and not as Part or Parcel of *St. Paul's*, *All-Hallow's*, and *St. Anne's* Parishes aforesaid: And that the Boundaries aforesaid, shall always be deemed, taken and repured, as the undoubted Boundaries to divide *Queen Caroline* Parish aforesaid, from the other Parishes aforesaid. And that the Inhabitants of the said *Queen Caroline* Parish, shall have and enjoy all Benefits and Priviledges, Power and Authorities, in every Respekt equal with any Inhabitants of any other Parish within this Province, heretofore had or hereafter may have.

And further, giving to the several Freeholders of *Queen Caroline* Parish aforesaid, at a certain Day to be appointed by them, full and ample Power, to elect and make Choice of the Number of Six select Vestry-Men, at least, and Two Church-Wardens: And also to finish the Church already built in *Queen Caroline* Parish aforesaid, which shall be reputed, taken and deemed, as the Parish Church for that Parish; any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

*An ACT for the laying out of Land, and erecting a Town in St. Mary's County, at a Place formerly called Seymour Town.*

**W**HEREAS it appears to this present General Assembly, That there is Land adjoining to the Place where the Court-House of *St. Mary's* County stands, very convenient for the Laying out of a Town, and that the same will be very Advantagious to the Inhabitants of the said County,

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That Col. *Thomas Truman Greenfield*, Capt. *Thomas Waughop*, Mr. *Philip Key*, Mr. *John Young*, Mr. *Justinian Jordan*, Mr. *Richard Thomson*, and Capt. *George Clark*, or any Five of them, shall be and hereby appointed Commissioners for *St. Mary's* County aforesaid, and are hereby authorized and empowered, as well to agree for the Buying and Purchasing of Fifty Acres of Land, at the Place aforesaid, as for the Surveying and Laying the same out in the most convenient Manner that may be, into Eighty equal Lotts, erected into a Town.

And be it further Enacted, That the Commissioners herein before nominated and appointed, or the major Part of them, are hereby empowered, some time before the last Day of *April* next, to meet together at the County Court-House aforesaid, or some other convenient Place near thereabouts; and shall then and there, treat and agree with the Owners and Persons interested in the said Fifty Acres, for the same; and after Purchase thereof, shall cause the same to be surveyed and laid out: And after the same so surveyed and laid out, shall cause the same Fifty Acres to be marked, staked out, and divided into convenient Streets, Lanes, and Allies; and the remaining Part of the said Fifty Acres of Land, as near as may be, into Eighty equal Lotts, marked on some Posts, or Stakes, towards the Streets, or Lanes, with Number One, Two, Three, Four, and so on to Eighty; to be divided and laid out: Out of which Lotts the Owner of the said Land shall have his first Choice for two Lotts; and after such Choice, the remaining Lotts may be taken up by Others. And that no Person shall presume to purchase