

purchase more than One Lot within the said Fifty Acres, during the first Four Months after laying out the same. And that the said Lots shall be purchased by the Inhabitants of the County aforesaid. And in case the said Inhabitants shall not take up the said Lots within the Time of Four Months after laying out as aforesaid; it shall then be free for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to take up the said Lot or Lots, paying the Owner proportionably for the same. And in case the Owner, or Owners, of the aforesaid Fifty Acres of Land, shall wilfully refuse to make Sale of the same, or that thro' Nonage, Coverture, *Non sana Memoria*, or any other Disability or Impediment whatsoever, be or are disabled to make such Sale as aforesaid; that then the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall and are, by Virtue of this Act, authorized, impowered and required, to issue out Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to the Sheriff of the said County; which said Sheriff is also hereby required, upon Receipt of such Warrants, to impanel and return a Jury of the most substantial Free-holders, Inhabitants in the said County, to be and appear before the said Commissioners, at a certain Day and Time by them to be limited; which Jury (upon their Oath to them to be administered by the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them) shall enquire, assess, and return, what Damage and Recompence they shall think fit to be awarded to the Owners of the said Fifty Acres, and all Persons therein mention'd, according to their severall and respective Interests; and what Sum of Tobacco the said Jury shall adjudge the said Fifty Acres to be worth, shall be paid to the Owners, and all Persons interested therein, by such Person or Persons, as shall take up the said Lots, proportionably to their Lot or Lots.

*And be it further Enacted*, that the Surveyor of St. Mary's County, for the Time being, shall have and receive for surveying and laying out the Town aforesaid, the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco and no more; to be paid and allowed him in the County Levy. And in case the Taker-up of such Lot or Lots, refuse and neglect to build upon such Lot or Lots, within Twelve Months, a House that shall cover Four Hundred square Feet; and none of the Houses to be built on any of the Lots aforesaid, shall be suffered to have Chimney, unless the same be built with Brick or Stone, after taking up the same; and in case the House or Houses to be built on the Lot or Lots as aforesaid, be not built as before directed, that then it shall and may be lawful for any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to enter upon the said Lot or Lots, so not built upon as aforesaid; on he or they who shall enter upon any of the said Lots through the Defects aforesaid, their paying such Sum of Tobacco as shall be first set and assessed upon such Lot, to the Commissioners aforesaid; or such other Person as the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall nominate and appoint to receive the same, for the publick Use and Benefit of the said Town.

*Provided always*, That such second Taker-up or Purchaser, who shall build and finish (within one Year after his Entry made,) an House in the Manner as in this Act is before limited and appointed to be built by the First Taker up, shall have, and enjoy as good an Estate, to all Intents and Purposes, as in and by this Act before is limited and settled upon the First Taker-up and Builder. And in case any of the said Lots shall be neglected to be taken up in the Town aforesaid, during the Term of Seven Years next after the Publication of this Act, that then and in such case, the Owner or Person Interested at the First in such Land, (after such Time expired) shall be possessed and Interested in the said Lot or Lots, as in their First and former Estate; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

*And be it further Enacted*, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend, to prejudice any Person or Persons, his, or their Heirs or Assigns, who have complied with the Requisites of the Act of Assembly, whereby Part of the Land before allowed to be laid out, was actually Surveyed into Lots, and then called *Seymour Town*, of their Title to or Inheritance in the said Lots; but that the said Persons, their Heirs and Assigns, shall and may quietly hold, possess and enjoy the same for ever: Any thing in this Act, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

*And be it further Enacted*, That the Land hereby allowed to be laid out, be not so Surveyed as to effect the Buildings, or Improvements of the Heir at Law of *Thomas Cooper*, deceased. And saving to his most sacred Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, His Lordship the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, and to all Bodies Politick and Corporate, and all other Persons not mentioned in this Act, their severall and respective Rights: Any Thing in this Act, to the contrary notwithstanding.

*And be it further Enacted*, That the Place hereby directed to be laid out for a Town, shall be henceforth, by Virtue of this Act, known and called by the Name of *Leonard Town*; and that all Writs, Precepts, and Process Issuing out of St. Mary's County Court, be made returnable to said Place, by the Name of *Leonard Town*, and that no Advantage be taken by such Alteration of the Name.