

AND WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly; That the said Town is very commodious for Trade, and several People desirous to settle in the same, could they but be well secured in their Lots; And there being no Provision made by any Act in Force, for the taking up, and building on Lots in the same Place, within a certain Time:

BE IT 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 James Harris, Esq; Mr. Philip Kennard, Mr. George Wilson, Capt. Ebenezer Blackstone, Mr. James Caulder, Mr. John Gresham, and Mr. William Irisby, or the major Part of them, be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners; and are by Virtue of this Act, authorized and impowered to survey and lay out the One Hundred Acres of Land formerly laid out for a Town, on *Chester* River, in *Kent* County, by the Name of *Chester* Town, and commonly called *New* Town, as agreeable as conveniently may be to the original Plat and Survey thereof, when first laid out for a Town.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the same Commissioners, or the major Part of them, be, and are hereby impowered and required, at any Time, by them the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them to be appointed, before the First Day of *November* next ensuing this present Sessions of Assembly, to meet at the same Town, and call and take to their Assistance, the Surveyor of *Kent* County, or such other Person skilful in surveying, as the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall think fit to chuse; and then and there carefully survey and lay out the same One Hundred Acres so directed to be laid out as aforesaid, into One Hundred convenient Lots, divided, marked, and numbered 1, 2, and so, to One Hundred, with as many and such Streets, Alleys, and Lanes, as to them shall seem meet.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said Commissioners shall make and cause the same Survey to be made, as near as possibly they can, agreeable to the original Plat and Survey of the said Town, unless the Lines by the same original Survey, make any considerable Variation or Encroachment on the Lots therein already improved and built upon: And that in such Case, the same Commissioners shall direct and make the same Survey in such Manner, that the Owners and Possessors of such improved Lots, may not be damnified in such their Improvements; and shall set up Posts, Stakes, or such other Boundaries as to them shall seem meet, to settle and distinguish the same Survey for Ever: Always having Regard, as near as may be, to the aforesaid original Plat thereof, and the Lots already improved and built upon as aforesaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the same Land so surveyed and laid out, and distinguished, shall be, and is hereby made and erected into a Town, and shall be called by the Name of *Chester* Town.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Owners and Possessors of any of the Lots formerly taken up in the said Town, not already built upon, shall and are hereby required to erect and build up-
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