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casions. And that no White Man or Slave so employed, shall be obliged to clear, or assist in clearing any Highways or Roads, or in building of any Bridge or Bridges.

*PROVIDED* always, That no White Man or Slave who shall be employed in making Tobacco, shall have any Exemption:

*AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Ordinary-keeper, Victualler, or Publick House-keeper, shall, without Licence first had and obtained in Writing, from the Owner or Owners, or principal Managers of any Iron-Work, harbour or entertain any Person who shall be hired or employed in any Manner about any Iron-Work, or give them Credit for any Liquor, or other Accomodations, exceeding the Value of Five Shillings Current Money in any One Year; every Ordinary-keeper, Victualler, or Publick House-keeper, so offending, shall be liable and subject to the same Losses, Pains, and Penalties, as are provided against entertaining, harbouring, and trusting Sailors, by an Act, intituled, *An Act restraining Victuallers and Keepers of Publick Houses, from entertaining Sailors, to the Prejudice of Trade and Commerce.*

*AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person so entertained, and being a legal Witness, shall be admitted and received as a Witness, in any Suit or Controversy concerning any Offence against this Act, or concerning any Claim or Demand of any Ordinary-keeper, for Expences.

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*An ACT for the erecting a Town in Queen-Anne's County, on Chester River, opposite to Chester Town, in Kent County, on the Land possessed by John Dempster.*

**W**HEREAS, several of the Inhabitants of *Queen-Anne's* County, have, by their Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, That a Town is very much wanting on the South Side of *Chester* River, opposite to *Chester* Town, on a Tract of Land now in Possession of *John Dempster*, and supposed to be the Right of the said *Dempster*,

*BE* it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That *Mr. William Fensley*, *Mr. Solomon Clayton*, *Mr. Edward Wright*, *Mr. Augustine Thompson*, and *Mr. James Gold*, or any Three of them, shall be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for *Queen-Anne's* County aforesaid, and are hereby authorized and impowered, as well to agree for the buying and purchasing Thirty Acres of Land out of the Tract aforesaid, and such Part, not exceeding Thirty Acres, as lies most convenient to the Water, as for surveying and laying the same out, in the most convenient Manner, into Thirty equal Lots, to be erected into a Town.

*AND* be it further Enacted, That Commissioners aforesaid herein before nominated and appointed, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered, some Time before the Last Day of *December*, which shall

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