

drawing any Boat, Vessel, or other Water-carriage, up or down the said River, above *Queen Anne's Town* aforesaid.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That this Act, nor any thing herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to give any Right or Liberty to the Company aforesaid, to make Use of, or dispose of any Timber or Wood, which shall or may be cut down in the making or clearing the Roads, Ways, Passages, or Paths aforesaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by and with the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, shall presume to molest, disturb, or hinder, or cause to be molested, disturbed, or hindered, the making or clearing the Roads, Ways, Passages, or Paths aforesaid; nor shall obstruct, stop, or cause to be obstructed and stopt up such, or any of such Roads, Ways, Passages, or Paths aforesaid, when so made or cleared; under the Penalty of satisfying and paying to such Company, all such Costs, Damages, and Charges, as they may be put unto, or suffer, for or by Reason of any such Molestation, Disturbance, Hindrance, Obstruction, or Stoppage: To be recovered, by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the said Company, by the Name of, *The Patuxent Iron Work Company*, in any Court of Record within this Province, with Costs of Suit.

An Explanatory ACT of the Act, intituled, *An Act, to encourage Adventurers in Iron Works.*

WHEREAS, by the said Act, *It is Enacted*, That no White Man or Slave, who should be employed in any Manner about Iron Works, or in providing any Materials of any Nature or Kind soever, for the Furtherance and Carrying on any Iron Work, or Making of Iron, should be obliged to clear, or assist in clearing, any Highways or Roads, or in building of any Bridge or Bridges; with Proviso, that no White Man or Slave, who should be employed in making Tobacco, should have any Exemption:

AND whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly, that some Iron Works are seated on main Roads; and that several the Inhabitants of this Province, living contiguous to such Works and Roads by them used, are not Makers of Tobacco, and yet occupy and tend Plantations; and that to screen themselves from clearing or repairing the Roads contiguous to Iron Works, enter into the Service of the Undertakers of such Iron Works for some short Space of Time, whereby there are not a sufficient Number of Inhabitants left, to clear the said Roads: For Remedy whereof for the future, it is prayed, it may be Enacted,

AND BE IT 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 none of the Inhabitants of this Province, their Servants or Slaves, who are not in actual Service, or shall not be constantly employed in carrying on Iron Works, shall be exempt from clearing and repairing the said Roads.