

An ACT, for erecting a Town in Cecil County, on the North Side of Sassafras River, at a Place known by the Name of Pennington's Point, on the Tracts of Land, called Buntington, and Happy Harbour.

WHEREAS, the Inhabitants of Cecil County, have, by their Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, The many Benefits that may arise to themselves, and others, by having a Town erected and laid out, on the North Side of Sassafras River, in the said County, known by the Name of Pennington's Point, and on the Tracts of Land, called Buntington, and Happy Harbour :

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 Colonel John Ward, Mr. Joshua George, Mr. John Baldwin, Mr. Peregrin Frisby, and Mr. Alphonso Cosden, or any Three of them, shall be and are hereby appointed Commissioners for Cecil County aforesaid; and are hereby authorized and empowered, as well to agree for the buying and purchasing Thirty Acres of Land, out of the Tracts aforesaid, and such Part, not exceeding Thirty Acres, as lies most convenient to the said River, as for surveying and laying the same out, in a most convenient Manner, into Sixty equal Lots, to be erected into a Town.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Commissioners aforesaid, herein before nominated and appointed, or the major Part of them, are hereby empowered, some Time before the last Day of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord God, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Six, to meet together on the Tracts of Land aforesaid, or some other convenient Place thereto adjacent; and shall then and there treat and agree with the Owner or Owners, or Persons interested in the said Thirty Acres of Land, for the same; and after Purchase thereof, shall cause the same to be surveyed, laid out, and divided, as near as may be, into Sixty equal Lots, allowing such sufficient Space or Quantity thereof, for Streets, Lanes, and Alleys, as to them shall seem meet, with Posts or Stakes towards every Street, Lane, or Alley; the said Lots to be numbered One, Two, Three, and so on to Sixty, for the better and more sure distinguishing each Lot from the other: Of which Sixty Lots, the Owner or Owners of the said Land, shall have his, her, or their first Choice for Two Lots; and after such Choice, the remaining Lots may be taken up by others: And that no Person shall presume to purchase more than one Lot within the said Thirty 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 Six Months after such laying out, as aforesaid, it shall then be lawful for any Person or Persons whatsoever, to take up the said Lot or Lots, paying the Owner or Owners of the aforesaid Thirty Acres, proportionably for the same. And in Case the said Owner or Owners of the said Thirty Acres of Land shall wilfully refuse to make Sale of the same; or that through Nonage, Coverture, or any other Disability or Impediment whatsoever, are disabled to make such Sale, as aforesaid, that the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall,

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