

them) full and ample Power to elect and make Choice of the Number of Six select Vestry-men, and Two Church-wardens, and also to build and found a Church therein; and shall have, hold, and enjoy all Privileges and Advantages whatsoever, that are held and enjoyed by any other Parish within this Province; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act to divide *Somerset* County, and to erect a new County on the Sea-board Side, by the Name of *Worcester*.

Preamble.

FORASMUCH as divers Inhabitants of *Somerset* County have by their Petition to this General Assembly prayed that the said County may be divided, and a new County erected out of Part thereof;

Bounds of
Somerset
County.

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 after the Tenth Day of *December* next, the Bounds of *Somerset* County shall contain as followeth: Beginning at *Watkins's* Point, and from thence running up *Pocomoke*-Bay to the Mouth of *Pocomoke*-River, up and with the said River to the Mouth of *Dividing-Creek*; thence up the Westermost Side of the said Creek and main Branch to the Bridges called *Denstone's* Bridges, and from thence West to the main Road called *Parahawkin*-Road; thence up and with the said Road to *John Caldwell senior's* Saw-Mill, thence up and with the said Road, over *Cox's* Branch, to *Broad-Creek* Bridge, and down the said Branch and Creek into *Nanticoke*-River; thence down the said River with *Dorchester* County, to the Mouth thereof, and from thence, including all the Islands formerly deemed to be in *Somerset* County, to the Beginning called *Watkins's* Point; and that after the said Tenth Day of *December*, all the remaining Part of what is now reputed to be within the County of *Somerset*, to the Extent of this Province, shall be, and is hereby constituted into a County, and shall be nominated, called, and known by the Name of *Worcester* County, and the Inhabitants thereof shall have and enjoy equal Privileges with the other Counties of this Province, in sending Delegates to the General Assembly, having County-Courts, Sheriffs, Justices, and other Officers and Ministers, as is usual in other Counties within this Province.

New County
named.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That *Col. Levin Gale, Col. Robert King, Major George Gale, Capt. James Martin, Major Robert Jenckins Henry, and Mr. Isaac Morris,* or the major Part of them, shall be, and are hereby authorized and impowered, at such Times as they or the major Part of them shall think proper, before the Tenth Day of *December* next, to meet together at *Princess Anne* Town in *Somerset* County, and *Snow-Hill* Town in *Worcester* County, and buy or purchase from the Owners of such Land, as they or the major Part of them shall think proper in
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