

Five Shillings Money aforesaid, to be recovered before a single Magistrate, to be applied to the Uses aforesaid.

Public Vacancies and Squares how to be dispos'd of.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, for the Time being, shall have Power to apply and let apart any Part of the public Squares or Vacancies, to the Use of any religious Society or Persuasion, for the building thereon any House or Houses for public Worship, and to such other public Uses as to them, or the major Part of them, shall appear to be for the Interest, Profit, and Conveniency of the Inhabitants of the said Town; and shall also have Power to lease any Part or Parcels of the said Squares or Vacancies, laid out and reserved for public Uses, for any Term not exceeding Twenty-one Years, or Three Lives, for an annual Rent, and shall not otherwise alienate any of the said Squares or Vacancies; all which Rents and Profits so arising, the Commissioners shall from time to time account for in the Manner herein before expressed, to be applied to the Use of the Public of *Charles-Town* aforesaid.

Timber for public Uses, how provided

And to the end that Timber may be preserved for the public Use, such as fencing in all or Part of the Common, the raising of the Wharf, or other public Occasions; *Be it also Enacted,* That the Commissioners, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered, if they see Cause, to mark or lay out in the Common of *Charles-Town* aforesaid, the Quantity of One Hundred Acres, which shall appear to them to be best timbered and convenient; and that no Timber or other Trees growing or standing within the Bounds thereof, above the Girt of Eighteen Inches, to be taken or measured at the Height of three Foot from the Ground, shall be cut down by any of the Inhabitants of the said Town, or others, without Leave of the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, on the Penalty of Ten Shillings Money aforesaid for every Tree so cut down, to be recovered before a single Magistrate of said County; one Half of which Forfeiture to be paid to the Informer, the other Half to the Commissioners, to be applied and accounted for as abovesaid.

Seneca Point the only Place where Ships can be launched.

And whereas, notwithstanding the Plenty of Timber near the said Town, and the great Conveniencies of Forges, for the Encouragement of building Sea-Vessels and others, and thereby lettling in the said Town many useful Tradesmen and Labourers; yet for want of sufficient Depth of Water near the Shore, within any Part of the Bounds of the said Town and Common, the Proceeding in that useful and necessary Branch of Trade is altogether impracticable; and whereas in the Opinion of skilful Workmen, there is but one Place near the Boundaries of said Town, called *Seneca Point*, at present possessed by a certain *Edward Oldham*, fit and capable for launching Ships or other Vessels; if a Property was to be had thereto, so as not to be left to the Will of any Person to frustrate so public a Good;

Said Seneca point to be purchased for a Ship-Yard.

*Be it therefore Enacted,* That the Commissioners for said Town are hereby impowered to fix upon any Place at or near said *Seneca Point*, convenient for a Ship-Yard to the said Town and Common, and to agree for two Acres of Land with the Owner or Owners thereof, which if they cannot do upon reasonable Terms, then they shall cause a Jury in the usual Manner to be summoned and impanelled by the Sheriff, to

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