

Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That Master Samuel Hopkins, John Newble, John Evans, Charles Ratcliff, Edward Franklin, Ebenezer Evans and John Fossett, or the major Part of them, be and are hereby appointed Commissioners, and are, by Virtue of this Act, authorized and impowered, together with the Surveyor of the said County of Worcester for the Time being, or any other Person skilled in surveying, to lay out a-new the said Town called Newport Town, in such Manner as to them the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall seem meet; and that they the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall be and are by Virtue of this Act invested with the same Powers and Authorities in laying out the said Newport Town a-new, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, as the Commissioners were by the former Law invested.

Commissioners appointed.

And be it further Enacted, That the Surveyor who shall by the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, so as aforesaid be employed in laying out the said Town, shall be and he is hereby obliged to lay out, stake, mark, and number every Lot distinctly in the said Newport Town, when the same shall be laid out a-new by the Commissioners aforesaid, as well as bound the Streets, Lanes and Alleys in the said Town.

Surveyors Duty.

And be it further Enacted, That all the Privileges, Advantages and Securities given by the afore-mentioned recited Acts to the said Newport Town, shall remain and be, to all Intents and Purposes, as fully, clearly and absolutely held and enjoyed by the Inhabitants of the said Town, or Owner or Owners of Lots therein, as if the same had been laid out at first, or by Virtue of either of the aforesaid Acts.

Owners Title confirmed.

Provided always, That the several Matters and Things to be done by Virtue of this Act, be finished and compleated at some Time on or before the First Day of May, which shall be in the Year of our Lord God, One thousand seven hundred and forty nine.

Proviso.

An Act for dividing St. Paul's Parish in Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties, and for erecting a new Parish thereout, by the Name of St. John's Parish.

WHEREAS divers Inhabitants of St Paul's Parish in Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties, by their humble Petition to this General Assembly, representing, that the said Parish is very large and populous, and the annual Income thereof, amounting to near Eighty thousand Pounds of Tobacco, they humbly conceive sufficient decently to support and maintain two Incumbents, have prayed that a Law may pass for dividing the said Parish, and for erecting Part thereof into a new Parish, so as not to affect the Interest of the present Incumbent, the Reverend Mr. James Cox, but that he continue to officiate in both the said Parishes, and to receive the Incomes and Profits thereof until his Death or Removal from St. Paul's Parish aforesaid.

Preamble.

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 from and after the End of this present Session, all that Part of St. Paul's Parish in Queen Anne's and Talbot County, lying within the Lines and Bounds hereinafter mentioned and expressed, That is to say, Beginning at the Head of