

An Act to aid the Title of Purchasers of Lots in
Princess Anne Town in Somerset County.

WHEREAS there hath been heretofore, in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly, twenty-five Acres of Land, then supposed to be the Right of one *David Brown*, situate in *Somerset County*, laid out into thirty Lots, exclusive of the public Ground, and erected into a Town called by the Name of *Princess Anne Town*; many of which Lots have been since taken up and well improved, and others secured tho' not yet built on; and the Court-House, Prison, and one of the Inspection Houses, for the said County, placed on the said public Ground in the said Town. And whereas some Doubt hath arisen concerning the Title of the said Lots, which are supposed to be Escheat unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary: For aiding whereof, it is prayed that it may be Enacted;

Preamble.

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 where any Person or Persons have taken up or purchased, or that shall hereafter take up or purchase, any Lot or Lots, Part or Parcel of a Lot or Lots, in the said Town, and that shall pay or cause to be paid, for the Use of the said Lord Proprietary, the Sum of twenty Shillings Sterling Money, in Silver or Gold, for every such Lot, and so in Proportion for a less Part of a Lot, to the Clerk of the said County for the Time being, who is hereby directed and empowered to receive, and he is hereby required to transmit the same to the Agent of the said Lord Proprietary for the Time being; and to give the Party or Parties paying the said Money a Receipt for the same, and to enroll the said Receipt amongst the Records of the County Court; for which Services the Clerk shall take and receive of the Owner or Owners thereof the Sum of two Shillings and six Pence Current Money, and no more: Which Sterling Money being paid as aforesaid, for the Use of the said Lord Proprietary in Manner aforesaid, and the Receipt or Receipts enrolled as aforesaid, shall invest the Owner or Owners of such Lot or Lots, or Part of a Lot, with a pure, absolute, and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, of, in, and to such Lot or Lots, or Part of a Lot, with the Appurtenances so taken up and purchased as aforesaid.

In what Manner the Titles of Lots in said Town are to be made good to the Purchasers.

And be it likewise Enacted, That the Justices of the said County paying for the Use of the said Lord Proprietary the Sum of twenty Shillings Sterling Money in Manner aforesaid, for the public Ground aforesaid; and the Clerk of the said County giving a Receipt, and enrolling the same in like Manner, shall invest the Justices aforesaid, for the Use of their County for ever, with a pure, absolute and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, of, in, and to the said public Ground, with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Title of the public Ground in said Town, how to be made good.