

An Act to establish the Special Court Records of
Anne Arundel County.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by one Act of Assembly of this Province entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Anne Arundel County, and all Persons concerned in the Records thereof lately burnt*, made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the Town and Port of *Annapolis* the fifteenth Day of *May*, *Anno Domini* One thousand seven hundred and five, a Commission issued to several Commissioners therein named, to hear and determine all Differences, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, between any the Inhabitants, or other Persons, interested in the Lands lying within the County aforesaid; and that the Judgments and Determinations which should be by them made between Party and Party, by Authority of the same Act, should be recorded in a fair Book, or Books, to be provided for that Purpose; and every such Judgment and Determination should be signed by three or more of the said Commissioners: Which Book or Books, when perfected, were by the said Act directed to be placed and intrusted with the Clerk of *Anne Arundel County*, among the Records of the said County, that all Persons concerned might repair to view the same. And whereas it appears to this General Assembly, that there are in the Office of the Clerk of *Anne Arundel County*, among the Records of the same County, five Books of the Proceedings and Judgments of the said Commissioners, containing Deeds and other Matters relating to the real Estates and Interest, as well of many of the Inhabitants of the same County, as of divers other Persons; and which Books appear to be fair and clear in the respective Entries, and have for forty Years last past, and upwards, been taken and deemed as authentic Records within this Province. And it further appears to this General Assembly, that the Meetings of the said Commissioners were regularly entered in the said Records, and the Names of the Commissioners at all such Meetings entered by the Clerk of the same Court; but that, agreeable to the Letter of the said Act, three or more of the said Commissioners have not signed the respective Judgments in the Books aforesaid. In order therefore to remove any Doubts which may hereafter arise, concerning the Validity of the Proceedings in the said Books of Record contained, and the better to establish the same, it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted;

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 the said five Books of Records of the Commissioners, appointed by Commission in Virtue of the said Act entitled, An Act for the Relief of Anne Arundel County, and all Persons concerned in the Records thereof lately burnt, and the several Judgments, Deeds and Proceedings in them entered, shall be held, deemed, adjudged, construed, and taken, as good and effectual in Law, as Records, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, as if the same Judgments, and every of them, had been signed by three or more of the said Commissioners so appointed as aforesaid, or the Notice directed by the said recited Act had been given; such Omission, or any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Judgments of
the Commis-
sioners, ap-
pointed in the
Year 1705,
to be good in
Law.