

any Person or Persons having any Lot or Lots, or Part of any Lot or Lots, next adjoining to the Water in *Charles-Town* aforesaid, to build and make such Improvements as they shall think most convenient, as far as to the Channel of *North-East* River, not exceeding, in Breadth, the Water Front of such Lot or Lots, or Portion, or Part, of such Lot or Lots, as shall belong to the Builder of such Wharf or Wharfs, or other Conveniencies, and such Builder, or Builders, shall have, and enjoy, as full and ample Right to that Part so Built on, as to any other Part or Parcel of his or their Lot or Lots.

Owners of Lots in *Charles-Town*, on the Water, may build Wharfs.

III. *PROVIDED* always, That there shall be left Streets and Alleys, convenient to the Water, for public Use, and also, that the Owners of all such Water Lots, to be improved, pay the Lord Proprietary the Rent of One Penny Current Money for every Acre so improved, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity.

Streets and Alleys to be left.

Rent.

An Act to enable the Persons therein named, to levy, assess, and apply, the Money therein mentioned.

I. **W**HEREAS, fundry Persons, Inhabitants and Owners of Lots, in *Chester-Town*, in *Kent* County, by Petition to this General Assembly, have set forth, That there have, at several Times, several Dwelling-Houses, and other valuable Buildings, been destroyed by Fire, within the same Town, which might have been prevented by Fire-Engines, had they been provided with such; and therefore prayed that an Act might be passed, to oblige the Owners or Possessors of the Lots, or Parts of Lots of the same Town, according to the late Survey thereof, to pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every such Lot, and in Proportion for every Part of a Lot so owned or possessed, into the Hands of certain Persons to be appointed to receive the same, to be by them laid out for Fire-Engines, for the Use of the said Town. And whereas the Justices of the same County, by Indorlement on the same Petition, have certified, that there being in the same Town, a Piece of Ground whereon the public Buildings are erected, containing by Estimation about Five Acres, they think it reasonable and necessary, that the Sum of Five Pounds should be levied on the taxable Inhabitants of the County for the Purpose aforesaid.

Preamble.

II. *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 *Bedingsfield* Hands, *Thomas Ringgold*, and *Joseph Nicholson*, of *Chester-Town* aforesaid, be, and are hereby, appointed and constituted Commissioners for raising and levying Money for purchasing Fire-Engines for the Use of the Inhabitants of the Town aforesaid, and building a House or Houses necessary for preserving and lodging the same.

Commissioners named to levy Money for Fire-Engines in *Chester-Town*.

III. *AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the same Commissioners, or any of them, shall and may, and they are hereby impowered and authorized, at any Time after the End of this present Session of Assembly, to demand, take and receive, of and from the Owner or Owners, Possessor or Possessors, of every Lot of Land in *Chester-Town* aforesaid, according to the late Survey thereof, and from the Agent, Factors or Attorneys, of such Owners, or Possessors, as shall be beyond Seas, or out of this Province, the Sum of Twenty Shillings Current Money of this Province, for every such Lot, and so in Proportion for any Part or Parts of such Lots so held or possessed.

The Sum to be levied.

IV. *AND* be it further Enacted, That if the Possessors of any of the same Lots be Tenants to the Owners thereof, such Tenants shall be, and they