

C H A P.
XXX.Proprietors to
a Marsh in
Baltimore-
Town, to
make it into
firm Ground.

present Possessors and Owners of the said Marsh, shall and may have Liberty to remove the said Nuisance, at their own proper Expence, provided they comply with the Directions and Requisites in this Act hereafter mentioned: (*That is to say*) That the said *Thomas Harrison, Alexander Lawson, and Brian Philpot*, within the Space of One Month next after the End of this present Session of Assembly, shall respectively make their Election and Determination, whether they will undertake effectually to remove the aforesaid Nuisance, at their own proper Expence and Charges; and, in case the said *Thomas Harrison, Alexander Lawson, and Brian Philpot*, shall, within the Time aforesaid limited elect, and determine to remove the said Nuisance, at their own proper Expence and Charges, that then, the said *Thomas Harrison, Alexander Lawson, and Brian Philpot*, shall, within the said Time, enter into, and execute separate Bonds, with Two sufficient Securities, to be approved of by *Robert Alexander, John Smith, William Smith, Jonathan Plowman, William Speer, Andrew Stygar, Charles Ridgely, Junior, John Merryman, Junior, and Benjamin Griffith*, or the major Part of them, who shall be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners to execute the Powers and Directions herein after limited and expressed, in the Penalty of Twenty Pounds Sterling for every Acre of Marsh to be made firm Ground by each of them, as herein after directed, payable unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, with the following Condition: "Whereas the said

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" is seized and possessed of _____ Acres of Marshy Ground, adjoining to *Baltimore-Town*, which, in its present Situation, is a great Nuisance to the Inhabitants of the said Town: Now, the Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the said _____ shall, within Two Years from the Date hereof, well and sufficiently remove the said Nuisance, by wharfing in all such Marshy Ground, next the Water, with a good and sufficient Stone-Wall, not less than Two Feet thick, and Two Feet high at the least from the Level of the Height of the common Flood-Tides, or with hewed Logs of the same Height at least from the Level of the common Flood-Tides, and shall make the same sufficiently firm and compleat, to prevent any Sand, Gravel, or Dirt, from washing through the same into the Water; and shall also well and sufficiently cover all such Marshy Ground with Stones, Gravel, Sand, or Dirt, so as to raise the same, not less than Two Feet above the Level of the common Flood-Tides as aforesaid, and make and render the whole sufficiently firm, then the above Obligation to be void, else to be and remain in full Force and Virtue in Law."

Else to be laid
out into Lots,
and Sold:

III. And be it further Enacted, That the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall and may, at some convenient Time before the last Day of *February* next, cause all the said Marshy Ground to be laid out into distinct Lots, each Lot not to contain more than One Eighth Part of an Acre, leaving such convenient Streets, Lanes and Alleys, as to the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall seem meet; and that in case the said *Thomas Harrison, Alexander Lawson, and Brian Philpot*, or either of them, shall neglect or refuse, within the said Time of One Calendar Month, from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, to make such Election or Determination, or to execute such Bond as aforesaid, the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall sell and dispose of the said Lots, within Six Months next after the Neglect or Refusal of the aforesaid *Thomas Harrison, Alexander Lawson, and Brian Philpot*, respectively, as aforesaid, to the highest Bidder, first giving Notice of such Sale in the *Maryland and Pennsylvania GAZETTES*, Sixty Days at the least before the same.

And to be
Part of the
Town.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That when the Commissioners aforesaid shall have surveyed and laid out the said Marshy Ground into Lots, it shall be, and is hereby declared to be Part of *Baltimore-Town* aforesaid, to all Intents