

since their Confinement, to make Satisfaction to their Creditors by Servitude, and that their Creditors have refused to accept the same, that the Time such Debtors have been confined in Prison, shall be deemed and taken as Part of the aforesaid Five Years, and that they shall be obliged to serve only for such Time as will compleat Five Years from the Day of such Offer of Servitude; and that in Case any such single Persons as aforesaid, have been confined in Prison for Five Years, or any longer Time, that the said Persons so confined, shall be discharged upon the same Terms, and in the same Manner that Persons having Families are by this Act directed to be discharged.

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An ACT to remedy divers Defects in the Records of Charles County.

WHEREAS it appears to this present General Assembly, that there are many Omissions, Imperfections and Mistakes, in entering Deeds and Land Commissions, together with the Depositions thereon taken, amongst the Records of Charles County, during the Time of the late Clerks of said County Court; for Remedy whereof;

II. Be it enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That Messieurs Walter Hanson, Joseph Hanson Harrison, Daniel Jenifer, George Dent, John Dent, Samuel Love, and Josias Hawkins, of said County, Gentlemen, or the major Part of them, be, and are hereby nominated and appointed, Commissioners to view and examine, as well the Records of Deeds, Land Commissions, and Depositions thereon taken in said County, as also to compare the same with the original Deeds, Commissions and Depositions, and in all Cases where any Errors, Defects or Imperfections may appear in said Records, to cause the same to be amended, where the Correction can be made without greatly obliterating and defacing the Record; and in all Cases where the said Records cannot be so amended, that then it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, and they are hereby authorized and required to give a Certificate to that Effect, under their Hands, to the Clerk of said County, directing him to record said original Deeds or Commissions and Depositions thereon a-new, at the Expence of the Party requesting the same; and the said Deeds, Commissions, and Depositions thereon, or an Exemplification thereof under the Seal of said County Court, shall be of the same Force and Effect, to all Intents, and Purposes, as if recorded within the Time prescribed by Law.

Commissioners appointed to examine the Records of Charles County, &c.

and cause them to be amended where necessary, &c.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Commissioners, before they enter upon the Execution of their Office, shall, and they are hereby required, to take the several Oaths to the Government, repeat and subscribe the Test, and take the following Oath; that is to say, You A. B. do swear, that you will well and faithfully execute the Trust reposed in you as a Commissioner, under the Act of Assembly, entitled, An Act to remedy divers Defects in the Records of Charles County, agreeable to the Directions of said Act, and according to the best of your Skill and Judgment; So help you GOD.

Proviso.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall have Power to call the Clerk of said County,

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