

An ACT to empower Thomas Harrison to lay out anew and amend the streets, lanes, and alleys, of that part of Baltimore-town, commonly called the Marshy Ground.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS Thomas Harrison, of Baltimore-town, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that he being seised and possessed of part of the land commonly called the Marshy-Ground, adjoining the town of Baltimore, did, in virtue of the act, entitled, An act to remove a nuisance in Baltimore-town in Baltimore county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, obligate himself, agreeable to the directions of the said act, to change the surface of the said marsh into firm and dry ground; in order to remove the nuisance; that he hath, at a considerable expence and with great labour and industry, happily accomplished the undertaking, by converting the said marsh into firm ground; that certain commissioners were appointed by the said act to lay out the said Marshy Ground into streets, lanes, and alleys, and that the same, when so surveyed and laid out, should be deemed and taken as part of Baltimore-town; that the commissioners nominated therein had the same surveyed and laid out into streets, lanes, and alleys, as an addition to Baltimore-town; and that the altering and laying out anew the said streets, lanes, and alleys, and opening a canal leading from Baltimore-street to the basin, would render the adjacent lots more convenient, conduce much to the advantage of that part of Baltimore-town, and be the means of effectually draining the said marsh, without occasioning any detriment to the public: and it appearing reasonable to this general assembly, that the prayer of the said petition should be complied with;

Thomas Harrison to lay out the streets, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Thomas Harrison, and he is hereby empowered and required, with the approbation and consent of the commissioners of Baltimore-town, or a majority of them, to survey the said ground, and to alter, amend, and lay out anew the streets, lanes, and alleys thereof, and to open a canal from Baltimore-street to that part of the north-west branch of the river Patapsco, commonly called the Basin.

Lots so laid out to be part of Baltimore-town, &c.

III. Be it further enacted, That the lots of ground, streets, lanes, and alleys, when so altered, amended, and laid out anew, according to the directions of this act, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, part of Baltimore-town aforesaid, and shall have all the immunities, privileges, and advantages, the rest of the said town hath, or by former laws ought to have, as fully and amply as if the same had been originally included therein.

Proviso.

IV Provided always, That the streets, lanes, and alleys, when altered, amended, and laid out anew, in manner aforesaid, and the canal so to be opened, shall not run through the ground of any other person whatever, without the consent of such person first obtained, any thing contained herein to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.