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persons who shall from time to time be willing and desirous to take the same, or any part thereof, for any term not exceeding ninety-nine years, or for ninety-nine years, with covenants of renewment from time to time for ever, after giving public notice in the Baltimore newspapers at least four weeks previous to the same.

Rents to be  
collected yearly,  
&c.

V. And be it further enacted, That all and every part of the annual rents of the said glebe lands shall be for ever hereafter collected yearly and every year, by the said vestry and their successors, and applied to the use and maintenance of a minister or reader of the said parish church in the town aforesaid, and to no other use, intent, or purpose, whatsoever.

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An ACT for securing the title of the proprietors of lots and houses in Charles-town, in Charles county.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that the original plot of Charles-town, commonly called Port-Tobacco, in Charles county, has, by some evil minded person, in a secret and fraudulent manner, been cut out of the records of said county, and thirty-seven of the lots, in like manner, have been torn from one end of the said plot, whereby the said proprietors cannot ascertain the extent and limits of their lots in said town: For remedy whereof,

Commissioners to direct  
the surveyor  
to make a  
new plot, &c.

II. Be it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, that Messieurs Richard Barnes, Theophilus Hanson, and Josias Hawkins, be and are hereby appointed commissioners, who shall, on or before the fifteenth day of March next, meet at Charles-town aforesaid, and having so met, the said Richard Barnes, Theophilus Hanson, and Josias Hawkins, or any two of them, shall have full and ample power and authority to direct the surveyor of Charles county for the time being to survey and make out a new and exact plot of the said town, and shall ascertain and limit the extent of the lots and streets thereof, according to the best evidence that can be obtained.

To issue summonses,  
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or any two of them, are hereby authorized and required, having first given ten days notice of the time and place of their meeting, to issue summonses for all such persons as may be applied for by any of the proprietors aforesaid, who are hereby required to attend, under the penalty of fifty pounds current money for every neglect or refusal, and to examine them upon oath touching and concerning their knowledge of the bounds, limits, or extent, of any of the lots or streets of the said town, and to establish the same accordingly.

And to cause  
the plot to be  
put on the re-  
cords, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or any two of them, shall cause the said plot, when finished, to be put on the records of Charles county, and the same shall be thereafter considered, deemed, and taken to be, the true plot of Charles-town aforesaid, and the proprietors of lots and houses in said town shall be vested with as good, sure, and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple, of, in,  
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