

the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, it was enacted, that one thousand acres of land, part of the tract called Jeholaphat, lying in Baltimore county, be laid off for the said Mrs. Rebecca Hanson and Catherine Dulany, adjoining to the five hundred acres reserved to Mrs. Mary Fitzhugh, and in such manner as to include the dwelling plantation of the said Walter Dulany, their father; and that the said one thousand acres be reserved for the use of the said Rebecca Hanson and Catherine Dulany, in fee simple, as tenants in common, and not as joint tenants: And whereas it was also further enacted, that the said one thousand acres be surveyed and laid off by the surveyor of Baltimore county, at the cost and charges of the petitioners, and that the said surveyor return a certificate of the said survey to the next general assembly: And whereas the surveyor of Baltimore county hath returned to this assembly a plot and certificate, dated May the 1st, 1783, wherein he hath certified, that he hath carefully surveyed and laid down one thousand acres of land for Mrs. Rebecca Hanson and Catherine Dulany, adjoining the land granted to Mrs. Mary Fitzhugh, and including the dwelling plantation of their father, the late Walter Dulany, Esq; deceased, agreeable to an act of assembly passed for the said purpose at the last session:

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said plot and certificate be transmitted to the examiner-general, to be by him examined at the cost of the parties, and if he shall find the same erroneous, with respect to course or distance, or containing more or less than one thousand acres, he shall not pass the same, but the surveyor of Baltimore county shall correct the same, and return it to the examiner, or make a new survey agreeably to the said act of assembly, and return a certificate and plot thereof to the examiner, and so often as the examiner shall find such error therein, the surveyor shall correct the same, or make a new survey as aforesaid; and if the examiner shall find the plot and certificate aforesaid, or any plot and certificate made agreeably to the directions of this act, to be free from error, he shall pass the same, and transmit it to the clerk of the general court of the western shore, to be recorded with this act; and the record of such plot and certificate, made and passed as aforesaid, together with this act, shall be full evidence that the said Rebecca Hanson, and Catherine Dulany, (now Catherine Belt) are tenants in fee simple of the land contained in such plot and certificate, and that they hold the same to them and their heirs, as tenants in common; provided nevertheless, that nothing contained in this act alone, shall be construed to affect or bar the right of any person or persons, which may be superior or prior to the right the state had in the same land at the time of passing the act of assembly herein before recited.

Plot to be examined, &c.

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An A C T to enable the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases.

W H E R E A S, from the present insecure situation of several of the public gaols of this state, and the very great hazard and danger of keeping prisoners secured until they are brought to trial at the stated and fixed times of holding courts, as established

Preamble.

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