

ACTS.¹

Bacon's
Laws

At a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on the 23rd Day of September, and ended the 26th Day of October, in the 9th Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, &c. Annoq; Domini 1723, the following Laws were Enacted.

Charles Calvert, Esq^r Governor.

An Act for the Ease of the Inhabitants in examining Evi- Chap. VIII
dences relating to the Bounds of Lands; and in the Manner
of obtaining Injunctions.

Whereas the Bounds of Land in this Province depend chiefly upon marked Trees, which are Subject to decay, or upon Bays, Rivers, Creeks or Branches, the Names whereof do frequently become obsolete or change; by which Means the true Bounds of such Lands, (in process of Time) become doubtful, and cause tedious and chargeable Law-Suits to the Owners thereof, and very often the Loss of their Inheritance: Wherefore for the more easy Examination of Evidences in perpetual Memory, relating to Boundaries;

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, upon the Petition of any Person seized or possessed of Lands, in his own or any other Right, to any of the several County Courts within this Province, where the Land lies, for a Commission to examine Evidences, to prove or perpetuate the Memory of any the Bounds of such Lands, or of any other Lands whereon the Lands he shall be so seized or possessed of, shall depend, or whereto they relate, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of such County Court, as often as any such Petition shall be to them preferred, to grant a Commission to Four

¹ The original record of the laws passed at this session having been lost, the text of the Acts here printed is taken from Bacon's *Laws of Maryland at Large*, published in 1765.