

England ; and all those that do not take such an oath, shall lose all their lands as seized for his lordship's use ; the execution whereof efficaciously to be performed, he requireth and chargeth his officers in his own name to attend unto.— The assembly cannot see how they that have rights to land, can without collusion and deceit to him and themselves, apply themselves for rights of land to the said lord Baltemore, or his officers, that all those that transport themselves or others into his province, have a right to land by vertue of their transportation, that every one may enter their rights of land in their severall respective courts, and also may enter a caveat for such a particular tract of land as they have or shall take upp.”

“ Passed at an assembly commencing the 20th of October, 1654.”

LIBER No. 3, fol. 431.

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 “ *An act concerning deserted plantations.*

“ Whereas divers persons who have heretofore taken up land within this province, have neglected the seating thereof for a long time, and others that have seated plantations have againe deserted them, suffering their said land and plantations to lye waste, and uninhabited, keeping their titles there to neverthelsss still on foot, whereby others are hindred from taking the same up and seating near together for the common security, which is found to be very inconvenient to the commonwealth, and a great injury to the lord proprietary in the loss of his rent, and otherwise. *Be it therefore enacted*, by the lord proprietary, with the advice and assent of the upper and lower house of this assembly, that for all mannors, lands and plantations within this province, which have heretofore been either taken up or seated, and for four years last past, or longer, deserted or left uninhabited, by such as have or might have claimed right thereto, and his lordship's rents not paid, in case such person or persons (except orphans under sixteen years of age) as claim any right therein, shall not some time before the five and twentieth day of March next make such then right thereto appear respectively, and having not had any grant heretofore thereof legally passed unto him or them, demand grants thereof under the great seal of the province, and satisfie all rents for the same arreare to his lordship, it shall be at any time then afterwards lawfull for his lordship, or his heirs, lords and proprietary's of this province, or his or their lieutenant or chiefe governour of the province for the time being, lawfully authorized for granting of lands within this province, to grant the same or any part thereof, to