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and little or no Footsteps left to find out the Bounds of the several Lots, whereby many Disputes and Law Suits are like to arise among the Inhabitants and Proprietors of the said Lots; and forasmuch as Justice may the more speedily, and at far less Charges, be administered upon any such Disputes, by Three or more indifferent Persons appointed by Law to act as Commissioners, to hear and finally determine them, and ascertain the Boundaries and Proprietorships of the Lots within the said City, as near as may be, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Original Surveys of such Proprietorships, and of the Lots of the Town and Port of *Annapolis*, made by Mr. *Richard Beard*, deceased; it is therefore prayed that it might be Enacted,

Certain Com-  
missioners im-  
powered to  
determine all  
Disputes con-  
cerning Lots  
in the City of  
*Annapolis*;

and their De-  
terminations  
to be trans-  
mitted into  
the Secreta-  
ry's Office.

Owners of a-  
ny Lands  
within the  
Survey of the  
City, shall  
make Claim  
of Satisfac-  
tion against  
Possessor of  
Lots,

or be for ever  
barred from  
the same.

II. And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, 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 the Honourable Colonel *William Holland*, Colonel *Thomas Addison*, Captain *Daniel Mariartee*, and Mr. *Alexander Warfield*, or any Three of them, be, and are hereby appointed, authorized and impowered Commissioners for hearing and finally determining, all or any the Disputes that have and may arise among any the Takers-up, Improvers or Purchasers of all, or any the Lot or Lots of Land laid out within the said City, concerning either the Property or Bounds of any the said Lots; and that to that End, the aforesaid Commissioners, or the major Part of them, together with *James Stoddart*, Esq; who is hereby appointed to survey the aforesaid City, and the several Lots, Streets and Public Grounds therein, do, sometime before the First Day of *August*, in this present Year of our Lord GOD Seventeen Hundred and Eighteen, meet within the same City, and calling before them, or the major Part of them, the respective Proprietors and Claimers of the Lots aforesaid, hear and examine their Pretensions thereto, and cause the Bounds thereof to be ascertained and staked out, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the original Plat or Survey of the Town of *Annapolis*, heretofore made by the aforesaid Mr. *Richard Beard*, so that no Man that has built by Mistake, be Ousted of his Possession; and finally to ascertain the Properties of the several Claims therein; and cause their several Determinations to be fairly transcribed, and transmitted in the Secretary's Office of this Province, as the settled and indisputable Bounds and Properties of all and singular the said Lots, and Parties claiming the same.

III. And to the End that the respective Owners of any Parcels or Quantity of Lands lying within the Survey or Plat of the said City, may receive just and equitable Satisfaction from the several Claimers or Possessors of such Lots as may happen to fall within the respective Bounds they claim Property in; Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That such respective Owners or Claimers of any Quantity or Parcel of Land lying within the said City, do appear before the said Commissioners, at or before the First Day of *August* next, or at any other Day or Time as the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall appoint or direct at the said City, and upon Oath by the aforesaid Commissioners, or any of them, to be administered to them, declare whether or no they know, or have heard, of any Satisfaction or Payment for all or any Part of the said Lands heretofore made, to themselves, or any others, by, from, or under whom, they claim the same; and that at the same Time the said Claimers and Owners of such Quantities or Parcels of Land, make good, and shew to the said Commissioners their respective Rights and Claims to the aforesaid Lands, and receive such reasonable Satisfaction therefore from the respective Proprietors of Lots within such their Lands, as the aforesaid Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall direct; and that in Default of such Claim, and making good their several Rights to the aforesaid Quantities or Parcels of Land as aforesaid, they, the said Claimers and Proprietors, and their Heirs and Assigns, shall be for ever hereafter precluded and barred from any Claim, Right or Interest thereto; and