

County Courts, and the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis*, for the Time being, as their proper Oath of Office to be administered, as hath been heretofore used; and that the same be administered to the Members of the Court of Appeals, as Judges to correct Errors in Judgments and other Proceedings at Common Law, the Justices of the Provincial and County Courts, and the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis*, now in being, by Virtue of, and according to the Directions of the several Commissions, Writs of *Dedimus Potestatem*, or the other Authorities, that the late Form of their Oath of Office was administered by: And that after the last Day of *November* next, none of the Members of the Court of Appeals, as Judges to correct Errors in Judgments and other Proceedings at Common Law, nor the Justices of the Provincial or County Courts, nor the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis*, be capable of Acting in their respective Stations, without having first taken the said Oath, as their proper Oath of Office, in Manner aforesaid.

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To be administered as hath been heretofore used;

and taken, before they shall be capable of acting in their respective Offices.

IV. *Provided*, That if the Judges in the High Court of Appeals, Provincial Courts, and Courts of Affize, County Courts, and Mayors Court of *Annapolis*, take the said Oath, at any Time before they proceed to the Judicial Determination of any Matters of Law, in their respective Courts, the same shall be taken as a full Compliance with the Directions of this Act; any Thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Examined and Compared with the Original Act,* REVERDY GHISELIN, THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. VI.

*An Act for the erecting a Town on the South Side of Chester River, in Queen-Anne's County, for laying in Lots Sixty Acres of Land at the Mouth of the South-East Branch, on the South Side thereof, on a Point of Land known by the Name of Hawkins's Prize-House Point.* Lib. B.L.C. fol. 42. Passed 8<sup>th</sup> August 1732.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) Commissioners were impowered to purchase (by Agreement or Valuation of a Jury) 60 Acres of Land in the Tract aforesaid, lying most convenient to the Water, and to cause the same to be Surveyed and Laid out into 60 Lots, allowing convenient Space for Streets, Lanes, &c. to be laid out into a Town. (2.) The Owner of the Land to have the first Choice for one Lot, and afterwards the remaining Lots to be taken up by others. None to purchase more than one Lot during four Months after laying out, and the Lots to be purchased by Inhabitants of the County. But if all the Lots be not taken up by such Inhabitants in Six Months, then such Lots may be taken up by any others, paying the Owners of the Land proportionably for the same: And in case of Valuation of the Land by a Jury, the Sum by such Jury adjudged to be paid the Owners of the Land, being paid by Persons taking up Lots, proportionably to their Lots, shall give such Purchasers, their Heirs and Assigns, an absolute Estate in Fee-simple to such Lots, they complying with the Requisites in this Act mentioned. (3.) The Takers up of any Lots refusing or neglecting to build thereon, within 18 Months, an House to cover 400 Square Feet; any other Person whatsoever may enter upon such Lot, so as aforesaid not built on, paying to the Commissioners, or Person by them appointed to receive the same, the Sum first set upon such Lot, for the Public Use and Benefit of the Town; *Provided* such second Taker-up build and finish within 18 Months after such his Entry made, such House as by this Act is before limited: Which House, so built, shall give and settle as good an Estate to such second Taker-up, his Heirs and Assigns, as is by this Act before settled on the first Taker-up and Builder. (4.) Lots not taken up in 7 Years from the Publication of this Act, shall be vested in the first Owner, as in his first and former Estate. (5.) The Town to be called *Ogle-Town upon Chester*. (6.) The Commissioners to appoint a sufficient Clerk, who upon Oath shall make true and impartial Entries of their Proceedings, which Entries, made up in a well bound Book, they shall cause to be lodged with the Clerk of *Queen-Anne's* County Court, for the Inspection of any Person requiring it: And the Surveyor to return a Plat of the Town, to the County Clerk, to be kept by him among the County Records. (7.) A saving of Rights to the Crown, the Lord Proprietor, &c. (8.) Possessors of Lots to pay to his Lordship, Yearly, One Penny Current Money of *Maryland* for each Lot.

C H A P. VII.

*An Act for the Naturalization of Onorio Rozilini of Annapolis.* Lib. B.L.C. fol. 44. PR. Ditto.

C H A P. VIII.

*An Act to prevent cutting up Tobacco Plants, destroying of Tobacco and Tobacco Houses, and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals Guilty of the said Offences.* Lib. B.L.C. fol. 44. EXP. Ditto.

To be in Force for 3 Years, &c. continued 1736, ch. 5; and 1740, ch. 5; expired in 1744, when a new Act was made, ch. 5.