

CHAP.  
V.

Baltimore County,

Talbot County,

Somerset County,

Dorchester County,

Cæcil County,

In *Patuxco* River, near *Humphrey's* Creek.  
 On *Bush* River, on the Town Land, near the Court-House.  
 Near *Tredaven* Creek, at the Town Land.  
 In *King's* Creek, near the Old Town.  
 In *Wye* River, Town Land there.  
 At the Town Land, at the Fork in *Chester* River.  
 \* In *Wiccocomico* River, on the South Side, on the Land next above the Land of the Orphans of *Charles Ballard*.  
 On the Land on the North Side of *Mudford* Creek, viz. *Smith's* and *Glannil's* Land.  
 On *Horsley's* Land in *Annimeffex*.  
 On *Morgan's* Land, commonly called *Barrow's*, towards the Head of *Pocomoke*.  
 On the Land between Mr. *Jenkins's* Plantation, and Mr. *Howard's* Plantation, on the North Side *Pocomoke*.  
 At *Worgan's* Land, near to the Head of *Fishing* Creek, in *Little-Choptank*.  
 On *Travers's* Land, on the West Side of the North-West Branch of *Transquaquin* River.  
 At Capt. *John's* Creek, *William Price's* Plantation, in *Elk* River.  
 In *Sassafras* River, at *William Frisby's* Plantation, in *Worton* Creek.

\* See 1684,  
cb. 2. §. 3.† See 1684,  
cb. 2. §. 4.

(2.) Commissioners appointed in the several Counties, to execute the Powers given by this Act, as well for purchasing the aforefaid Town-Lands, &c. as for laying out and surveying the said Ports, Towns, &c. and marking and staking out the Lots, &c. (3.) † The Commissioners, or major Part of them, some Time before the 25th March 1684, to meet on the respective Lands, &c. and agree with and purchase of the Owners, &c. 100 Acres of convenient Land, and cause the same to be surveyed, marked and staked out, and divided into convenient Streets, Lanes and Alleys, with open Places to be left for erecting Church, Chapel, Market-House, or other public Buildings, and the remaining Part of the said 100 Acres, to divide into 100 equal Lots, marked on Posts towards the Streets and Lanes, with N<sup>o</sup> 1, 2, 3, &c. to 100, of which the Owner of the Land, to have his first Choice for one Lot. No Person to purchase more than one Lot, during four Months, after the 25th March 1684, and the Lots to be purchased by Inhabitants of the County only. But if not taken up by them within the said four Months, then to be free to any Person whatsoever, to take up the same, paying the Owner proportionably. (4.) If the Owners refused, or were disabled by legal Incapacity, to sell, the Commissioners were empowered to issue their Warrant to the Sheriff, to summon a Jury to value the Lands, and the Damage by them assessed, to be paid to the Owners, by the Persons taking up Lots, in Proportion to their Lots. (5.) The Commissioners were empowered to summon the Surveyor-General, or his Deputy, in each County, to survey and lay out each 100 Acres aforefaid, and to mark and stake out the same into 100 equal Lots, with Streets, &c. (6.) After such Survey, Laying-out and Valuation, any Person making Choice of a Lot, and making Entry thereof, with the Person appointed by the Commissioners to keep the Book of Entries, and paying or giving Security for Payment of such Sum, as should be by Direction of the Commissioners, rated upon such Lot, and payable to the Owner of the Land; and building on such Lot one sufficient Twenty Foot square House, at the least, before the last Day of August 1685, each respective Lot to be held of the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs, &c. for ever, under the yearly Rent of One Penny Current Money, for each respective Lot; the same, or any other Manner of Settlement or Building thereon, according to the Directions of this Act, shall invest the said Taker-up and Builder, with an Estate of Inheritance in the said Lot, to him, his Heirs and Assigns for ever. And also, upon Tender of Payment, and Refusal, the said Building as aforefaid, with Proof of such Tender and Refusal, shall be Binding to all Intents and Purposes, against the said Parties so refusing, their Heirs, &c. (7.) The Commissioners for each respective County, named in this Act, shall appoint a Person to keep a Book, wherein to enter down each Man's Choice of any respective Lot, &c. (8.) The Surveyor's Fee to be 80<sup>th</sup> Tobacco, for each Lot, to be paid by the Taker-up. (9.) In case the Taker-up of any Lot, should refuse or neglect to build within the Time by this Act appointed, any Person whatsoever, might take up the same, paying the Tobacco first set on such Lot, to the Commissioners aforefaid, of that County, or to the Person by them appointed to receive the same, for the Use and Benefit of the said Town. Provided such second Taker-up, begin to build such House, as in this Act is limited, within one Month after such his Entry, and finish the same within six Months: Which House so built, shall give and settle an Estate of Inheritance to him, and his Heirs for ever, in the said Lot. (10.) In case any Lots be neglected to be taken up, during five Years, from the Proclaiming of this Act, then shall the Owners of the Land be possessed of such Lots, as in their first and former Estate. (11.) All Ships and Vessels Trading into this Province, after the last Day of August 1685, shall unlade their respective Goods and Merchandizes at such Towns, Ports and Places only, as are in this Act before set down and appointed, on Penalty of forfeiting all such Goods and Merchandizes by them landed, at any other Places whatsoever; one Third to his Lordship, one Third to the Benefit of the next adjacent Town in the County where such Offence shall be committed, and one Third to the Informer. (12.) No Merchant, Factor, Mariner, or other Person, trading into this Province, whether Foreigner or Inhabitant, shall, after the last Day of August 1685, traffic, sell, or barter away, any Goods, &c. within this Province, but at some of the Ports, Towns, &c. in this Act appointed, under Penalty of forfeiting all such Goods, &c. (13.) This Act not to restrain Inhabitants from paying Workmen's Wages, or buying at their own Plantations, necessary Provisions for their Families, with any Goods, &c. bought at any the Ports, &c. aforefaid, or with Goods, &c. by them purchased, imported and landed, at any the Ports, &c. aforefaid. (14.) All Goods, Wares, &c. of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of this Province, after the last of August 1685, to be exported, shall first be brought to some Port, Town, &c. aforefaid, and there shipped and taken on board for Exportation, and not from