

of any County within this Province, surveyed and laid out at any Time before the Revolution of Affairs, or before the tenth Day of July, which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Nine, and no Patent as yet by his Lordship granted for the same, such Person or Persons, by himself, or his Attorney, at any Time within twelve Months from and after the Publication of this Law, in the County where such Land lieth, * appearing before the Justices of the respective County in which the Land lieth as aforesaid, and producing to the Justices of the said County Court, a Certificate under the Hand of such Surveyor as made the Survey of any Parcel or Parcels of Land as aforesaid, and proving the same by the Oath of such Surveyor, if living, or by the Book of such Surveyor, or other Evidence, if the Surveyor be dead, that the same Parcel or Parcels of Land was really and bonâ fide, laid out and surveyed for such Person or Persons, by Warrants for the same, before the Revolution of Affairs in this Province, in the Year aforesaid, and filing the said Certificate and Oath in the Records of the said Court, it shall and may be lawful to such Person or Persons, to have, use, occupy, † possess and enjoy all such Lands and Tenements, so laid out and surveyed as aforesaid.

C H A P.
VIII.

* N. B. These Warrants printed in Italic are in the Record Book, WH and L*. tho' not in the Record LL, transmitted from England under the Hand of Sir Thomas Lawrence.
† In the Record WH and L*. as above.

III. And it is hereby Declared and Enacted, That such Person or Persons shall have and enjoy a pure and lawful Estate of Inheritance in Fee-simple, of, in, and to all || such Parcel or Parcels of Lands or Tenements, according to the Conditions of Plantations upon which such Warrants were granted, as aforesaid; together with all Privileges, Grants, and Immunities whatsoever, incident, appertaining, or belonging to the same, although not in this Act so largely and particularly expressed, as fully and absolutely, as if a Patent from his Lordship had been granted for the same; any Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

To be held in Fee-simple, as fully as if Patent had been granted for the same.
|| In the Record WH and L*. as above.

IV. And Forasmuch, as many Persons having purchased of his Lordship, Warrants for taking up of Lands within this Province, and passed their Obligations for the same, as aforesaid, which Obligations many of them are paid, and many others lie out against them, and yet no Land taken up or surveyed according to the Tenor of the said Warrants; and although his Lordship, by his Officers appointed under him, doth demand and require the Tobacco so due by the Obligations, as aforesaid, yet refuseth to renew such Warrants for such Lands so paid for, or secured to be paid for, **Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid,** That any Person or Persons whatsoever, having such Warrant or Warrants in their Hands, and unexecuted as aforesaid, shall or may repair to his Lordship's Agent, Receiver-General, or other Person for such Purpose authorized, and inform them of the same: And if, thereupon, such Receiver-General, or Agent, or other Person authorized as aforesaid, shall refuse to deliver up such Obligation to such Person or Persons having such Warrant or Warrants unexecuted as aforesaid, and delivering up the same upon Delivery of such Bond; that then it shall and may be lawful to such Person or Persons to survey and take up, by a sworn Surveyor of the County aforesaid, any Lands not before taken up, or otherwise reserved, according to the Tenor of such Warrant or Warrants: And the Certificate thereof returned to the County Court, with the Proving and Recording the same, as before in this Act is set down and directed, such Person shall have and enjoy a good, sure, firm Estate of Inheritance in Fee-simple, as fully and amply, as before in this Act is Enacted and Granted to such Persons who had surveyed any Land before the Revolution, but had no Patent for the same: Any Law, Statute or Usage to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

See the Note below.

Examined and Compared with the Record, REVERDY GHISELIN,
THOMAS BACON.

N. B. His Lordship's Officers had for some Years past, laboured under various Difficulties and Obstructions in the Discharge of their Trusts, and some under Prosecutions on account of their suspected Principles, and steady Adherence to the Proprietary, in the late unfetted State