

Passed 6th of Nov. 1683.

- Charles County,
 - On Digges his Purchase, in Wiccocomico river, formerly Fendell's, on the creek.
 - On the Church land, on the east side Port-Tobacco creek, near the mouth of the creek.
 - On Stamp-Neck, near Climyomixon, on Mr. Reddish his land.
- Baltimore County,
 - In Patapsco river, near Humphrey's creek.
 - On Bush river, on the town land, near the Court-House.
- Talbot County,
 - 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.
- Somerset County,
 - * In Wiccocomico river, on the south side, on the land next above the land of the Orphans of Charles Ballard. * See 1684. ch 2, s 3
 - On the land on the north side of Mudford creek, viz- Smith's and Glannill's land.
 - On Horsey's land in Annimessex.
 - 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 of Pocomoke.
- Dorchester County,
 - At Worgan's land, near to the head of Fishing creek, in Little Choptank.
 - On Traver's land, on the west side of the north-west branch of Transquaquin river.
- Cecil County,
 - At Capt. John's creek, William Preece's plantation, in Elk river.
 - In Sassatras river, William Frisby's plantation, in Worton creek.

(2) Commissioners appointed in the several counties, to execute the powers given by this act, as well for purchasing the aforesaid 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 No. 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 aforesaid, 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 aforesaid, 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