

Act of Enrolling Conveyances, and Securing the Estates of real Purchasers, it was therein contained, amongst other things. (*viz.*) That all that from then forth should purchase any land of inheritance, should purchase the same by deed indented, or other sure deed, and enroll the same in the county where the land lieth, or in the provincial court, or the principal heads of the same deed, clearly shewing and declaring the manner how lands should pass from man to man.

2. AND FORASMUCH as the law did not provide for the security of all those titles that did pass from man to man, from the twenty-seventh day of *March*, one thousand six hundred and seventy-one, until the thirteenth day of *April*, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy and four, nor no other law extant for securing those titles, being under the same circumstances as those of one thousand six hundred and seventy-one. We the deputies and delegates of this present general assembly, do pray that it may be enacted;

The act of 1671, ch. 7, continued in force till the 13th April 1674.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED by the King and Queen's Most Excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of this present General Assembly, and the authority of the same, That the aforesaid law, entitled, An Act for Quieting of Possessions, and all the branches and provisos therein contained, be in full force and virtue until the thirteenth day of *April*, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy-four, and not after.

1699.

MARYLAND, sc.

At a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the Town and Port of Annapolis, on the twenty-eighth day of June, in the eleventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord William the third, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoque Domini* one thousand six hundred and ninety-nine, and ended the twenty-second day of July following,

HIS EXCELLENCY

NATHANIEL BLAKISTON, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR,

AMONGST OTHERS THE FOLLOWING LAWS WERE ENACTED, TO WIT:

CHAP. XVIII.

An Act ascertaining the Bounds of Land. Lib. LL. No. 2, fol. 207.

WHEREAS, at the first taking up of lands in this province, necessity constrained his Lordship to commissionate such persons to be surveyors as was but very meanly skilful in the art of surveying; and for the windings, courses and turnings of the several rivers, rivulets, creeks, and coves, many times, by these branches folding one in another, were unknown to the surveyors, nor for fear of the Indian enemy, then numerous and strong, durst they