

also provided, That where any bounds of land have been already settled and determined by any law suits, arbitration, or otherwise, such determination appearing on record, the same so settled and determined shall remain and continue unalterable and no ways subject to any view or review of the commissioners appointed by this law; and that it shall and may be lawful for the provincial court of this province to hear and determine all actions of trespass and ejectments already depending before them: *Provided always*, That if any person concerned or interested in any of the lands in dispute, as aforesaid, shall happen to live in any of the remote counties of this province from the county where such land in dispute lies, or be out of this province, or beyond sea, that then the party complaining shall make publication, as before provided by this act, three months, the parties living in the remote counties, and twenty four months, the parties being out of the province, or beyond sea, before his application to the commissioners as aforesaid, which publication must be made appear before the commissioners commissioned as aforesaid, at the time of such application, whereupon the commissioners may proceed to determine such bounds of land so prayed to be ascertained, as effectually to all intents and purposes, as if the parties concerned, or any ways interested, were personally present.

This act not to extend to bounds for newly settled, &c.

How notice to be given, &c.

11. AND whereas several persons, by their humble petition, have represented to this present session of assembly, That they being concerned and interested in lands, the bounds whereof have been in dispute, and whereupon the commissioners of the several counties for ascertaining the bounds of land pursuant to the act of assembly made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis, the 26th day of June, *anno domini* one thousand seven hundred and fifteen, entitled*, "An act for ascertaining the bounds of land within this province, have made their award, decree and determination concerning such bounds, by which awards, decrees and determinations, the petitioners aforesaid being much aggrieved, pursuant to the aforementioned act, made their application in due time by way of petition to his excellency the governor, for a commission of review upon the aforesaid proceedings, which his excellency has been pleased to grant them, but by sundry accidents have lost the benefit of having such commissions executed within the limited time according to the aforementioned act, and others must unavoidably lose the benefit of such commissions, the persons commissioned, and also others interested being obliged to attend public affairs and business of this province in this present general assembly, until the time limited for executing such commissions will either be expired, or so near expiring, that it will be impossible such commissions can be executed in due time, pursuant to the directions of that act. And it being further considered, that there may be some others that conceive themselves injured by the awards and decrees of the commissioners for the counties that had resolved in due time, but has not yet made application to his excellency for a commission of review, and likewise some cases where the commissioners of the counties have begun and made some steps towards, but have not finished their award and determination therein; **BE IT THEREFORE LIKEWISE ENACTED**, That in all the aforementioned cases, neither the commissioners of any of the several counties, nor commissioners of review, shall proceed any further in execut-

Particular cases under the late law provided for

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In cases aforementioned commissioners not to proceed in executing their commissions, &c.