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XXIV.Governor
Nicholson's
Land.

thereof mentioned and laid down in the Plat of the Town, for planting or making a Garden, Vineyard or Summer-House, or other Use; **Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid**, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners and Trustees, to lay out and allot to his Excellency; the said Parcel of Land of the said Town-Pasture, which shall be to his Excellency, and his Heirs and Assigns for ever, in Fee-simple, the said Commissioners keeping a Record of the Bounds thereof.

Beard's Map
established.

X. **And** for the ascertaining of the Bounds and Limits of the said Town-Pasture and Common, and the several Lots and Dividends in the same contained, **be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid**, That the Dimensions, Bounds and Courses thereof, shall at all Times hereafter, be adjudged, held, taken and reputed, according to the Map and Plat thereof, being drawn up and presented by *Richard Beard, Gent.* by Order and Directions of his Excellency, carefully examined, and sealed with the Great Seal of the Province at the four Sides thereof, and upon the Back-side thereof sealed with his Excellency's Seal at Arms, on a red Cross with red Tape, and remaining in the Secretary's Office, or to be hung up in the Court-House.

His Lord-
ship's Land
within the
Town, how
to be valued
and paid for.

XI. **And whereas** Part of the Town-Land belonging to the Right Honourable *Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore*, to whom Application hath been made to bestow the same upon the Town, *Gratis*; which if his Lordship shall be pleased so to do, lest any Person or Persons, whose Lots may happen to be within the same, should thereby claim, or pretend an Impunity against the Payment of the Charge assessed to each Lot, according to the Value thereof for other Lots, **Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid**, that the same Land notwithstanding be valued as the other Town-Land, and each respective Person pay his proportionable Part to the Commissioners and Trustees for the Use of the Town.

Commission-
ers impower-
ed to hold
Courts,

XII. **And further**, the said Commissioners or Trustees, or the major Part of them, or not less than the Number of Three at least, are hereby authorized and impowered to hear and determine all or any Action, Suit, or Difference, arising between the Townsmen or Freemen of the said Town, for any Thing accruing in the Town, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds Sterling, or, One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, or the Value thereof in other Goods or Merchandizes, and to award Judgment and Execution thereon: And to that Purpose to make and constitute such and so many Officers as shall be requisite for the Holding of a Court of Judicature, such as Clerk, Crier, Attorneys or Sollicitors; the Sheriff of *Ann-Arundel* County being always obliged to attend them: And to settle and mark such reasonable Fees and Allowances to them, not exceeding Half the Fees allowed to the Officers of County Courts; and to punish all Misdemeanors and Breaches of the Peace, not extending to Life or Member, committed or done within the said Town; and to impose any Fine or Fines, either upon the Officers or Suitors to the said Court, for any Neglect or Contempt of the Authority of the said Court, or otherwise; and the same to execute, not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Shillings Sterling, or Two Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, in any such Fine, to be to the Use of the said Town. And the said Commissioners and Trustees aforesaid, are likewise hereby impowered to make such Orders, from Time to Time, as Need shall require, and to make such Bye-Laws, Rules and Order, for the good Government and Regulating the Inhabitants of the said Town, not being dissonant, but (as near as may be) consonant and agreeable to the good Laws of *England*, and this Province.

and make
Bye-Laws,
&c.Who are to be
deemed Free-
men of the
Town.

XIII. **And it is hereby Declared**, That his Excellency *Francis Nicholson, Esq;* present Governor of this Province, and the Members of his Majesty's most Honourable Council, and the several Burgeses of this present General Assembly,