

*Thomas Jones's* Plantation; also all that Part of *St. Anne's* Parish bounded by a Line drawn from the Mouth of a small Branch running into *Patuxent* River, and lying between the Plantations of *John Ryan* and *Rose Lee*, and running by a strait Line through the Woods till it intersects the former divisional Line between *Ann-Arundel* and *Baltimore* Counties, including therein the Plantations of *John Ryan* and *John Barber*, shall be taken from the Parishes aforesaid, and be erected into a new Parish, by the Name of *Queen-Caroline*. (2.) The Inhabitants of the said *Queen-Caroline* Parish to enjoy all Benefits, Privileges, Power and Authorities, equal with any Inhabitants of any other Parish within this Province. (3.) The Free-holders impowered to elect Vestry-men and Church-wardens; and to finish the Church already built therein; which shall be reputed, taken and deemed as the Parish Church for that Parish.

C H A P. XVI.

*An Act for the laying out of Land, and erecting a Town in St. Mary's County, at a Place formerly called Seymour-Town. Lib. L. N° 5. fol. 225.* Passed 28<sup>th</sup> Octob. 1728.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) Commissioners were appointed and impowered to purchase (by Agreement, or Valuation of a Jury) 50 Acres of Land adjoining to the Place where *St. Mary's* County Court-house now stands, and to cause the same to be surveyed and laid out for a Town into 80 Lots, with convenient Streets, Lanes, &c. (2.) The Owner of the Land to have his Choice for two Lots, and the remaining Lots to be taken up by others; but no Person to take up more than one Lot, within the said 50 Acres, during 4 Months after laying out the same; nor any other than Inhabitants of the said County. After which Time any other Persons whatsoever, might take up Lots, paying the Owner of the Land proportionably for the same. (3.) In case the Taker-up of any Lot refuse or neglect to build upon such Lot, within Twelve Months, a House to cover 400 square Feet, and the Chimneys to be of Brick or Stone, it shall then be lawful for any other Person to enter upon such Lot so not built upon as aforesaid, on paying the Sum of Tobacco first set upon such Lot to the Commissioners or Person by them appointed to receive the same, for the Public Use and Benefit of the Town. And such second Taker-up, on building in Manner aforesaid, within 12 Months after his Entry made, shall have as good an Estate to all Intents and Purposes, as by this Act is settled upon the first Taker-up and Builder. (4.) All Lots, not taken up in 7 Years after Publication of this Act, shall revert to the Owner of the Land, who shall be possessed and interested in the same, as in his first and former Estate. (5.) This Act not to prejudice any Persons, their Heirs or Assigns, who have complied with the requisites of the former Act, whereby Part of the Land allowed to be laid out was actually surveyed into Lots, and then called *Seymour's Town*, of their Title to, or Inheritance in such Lots. (6.) The Land not to be so surveyed as to affect the Buildings or Improvements of the Heir at Law of *Thomas Cooper* deceased. (7.) A Saving of Rights to his Majesty, the Lord Proprietor, &c. (8.) The Place to be called *Leonard-Town*, and all Writs, &c. issuing out of *St. Mary's* County Court to be made returnable to the said Place, by the Name of *Leonard-Town*.

See a Supplementary Act 1730, ch. 5, wherein some Defects of this Act are aided; particularly the Want of a Free-hold Estate in the Lots taken up. This Town was originally established by 1708, ch. 3, when Mr. *Seymour* was Governor; whereby 50 Acres of Land were ordered to be laid out and erected into a Town at *Sheppard's* old Fields, near the Head of *Britan's* Bay, on the Land of *Philip Lynes*, Esq; and the Court-house of *St. Mary's* County to be built and kept there. How it came to be called *Seymour-Town* (unless by common Courtesy, in Compliment to the then Governor) does not appear. But in the Act of 1710, ch. 6, it is called by the Name of *Seymour-Town*, otherwise *Sheppard's* old Fields.

C H A P. XVII.

*An Act empowering the Justices of Calvert County, to finish the Court-house of that County by an Assessment on the Inhabitants thereof; as also for the Relief of John Critchard and William Kidd, two of the Builders of the said Court-house. Lib. L. N° 5. fol. 229.* Passed 30<sup>th</sup> October 1728.

N. B. By this Act, the Place whereon the said Court-house now stands, shall be from henceforth, called and known by the name of *Prince-Frederick Town*.

C H A P. XVIII.

*An Act for the Relief of Francis Gateril of Ann-Arundel County. Lib. L. N° 5. fol. 231. PR.* Ditto.

C H A P. XIX.

*An Act for the dividing of St. Paul's Parish, in Queen-Ann's County, and Part of Talbot County. Lib. L. N° 5. fol. 232.* Ditto.

N. B. By this Act, (1.) All the Land to the North East side of *Coursica* Creek, and the North East side of the Easternmost Branch thereof, commonly known by the Name of the *Three-Bridges*, and running up the said Branch through the dwelling Plantation of Mr. *Edward Wright*, to the Head thereof; thence down with a Branch called *Smith's* Branch, to a Branch of *Tuckahoe*, and with that Branch to the main Branch of *Tuckahoe* Creek, and from the aforesaid main Branch, with a Line drawn South East to *Choptank* River, is taken from *St. Paul's* Parish, and erected into a new Parish, by the name of *St. Luke's* Parish. (2.) The Inhabitants of *St. Luke's* Parish to have and enjoy all Benefits, Privileges, Power and Authority equal with the Inhabitants of any other Parish within this Province. (3.) The Free-holders of the said Parish are impowered to elect Vestry-men, and Church-wardens, and to build and found a new Church, &c.

C H A P. XX.

*An Act for the Relief of Edward Parish of Ann-Arundel County. Lib. L. N° 5. fol. 234. PR.* Passed 31<sup>st</sup> October 1728.