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George's county, several of whom are the principal proprietors of the lots in said town, that many inconveniencies are experienced from the uncertain location thereof, the present arrangement of the streets, and other incidents appertaining to the regulation of property, by which the petitioners are sensibly affected, together with the disorder constantly occurring at the public wharf, interfering with the regular lading and unlading of vessels, and the free access of the ferry boats to the landing places, and they have prayed that an act may pass, empowering commissioners to make an accurate survey of the said town, to establish permanent boundaries throughout the same, and to ascertain and perpetuate the true location thereof, having regard to the former streets, lanes and alleys, and not incommoding the present buildings, the expenses of such resurvey to be defrayed by all those who are benefitted thereby, in proper proportions, as may be determined by the said commissioners, or a majority of them; and the prayer of the petition being deemed reasonable, therefore,

Persons appointed to lay out town anew.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Robert Young, George Biscoe, Robert Bowie, Ignatius Boone and Alexander Contee, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised and required, after giving three weeks notice in the most convenient public places within the said county, and also in the Baltimore Telegraphe, of the time, place and intention, of their meeting, and after having taken an oath before some justice of the peace of Prince-George's county, well and truly to execute the trust reposed in them by this act, without prejudice, partiality, favour or affection, to proceed to cause the said town to be laid out anew, and to define and regulate the streets, lanes and alleys thereof, so as to promote the interest of the proprietors and the convenience of the inhabitants, as nearly as may be, having regard to the former streets, lanes and alleys, and not incommoding the present buildings.

To employ a surveyor and chain-carriers, &c.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to employ a surveyor and chain-carriers to effect the purpose which is intended, and to summon witnesses, (if any may be requisite,) and to allow them such reasonable compensation as they may think fit, and they shall cause proper boundaries of wood or stone to be affixed to ascertain the lots, streets, lanes and alleys, of the said town, and have a correct plot and certificate made of the same, with proper explanations, to be returned to the clerk of Prince-George's county, under their hands, who is hereby required to receive and record the same among the land records of said county, and the original to keep in his office, and a copy of such original, or the record thereof, shall be conclusive evidence as to the bounds of the said town, and of the lots, streets, lanes and alleys thereof.

May condemn lands for streets, &c.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to condemn such lands as they may think requisite for the streets, lanes and alleys, of the said town, making a proper compensation to the proprietors thereof, as they in their judgments shall deem just and right.

To remove nuisances, and make rules and regulations, &c.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to remove all nuisances, and to make such rules and regulations for the benefit