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“ tides, and shall make the same sufficiently firm and complete, to prevent any sand, gravel or dirt, from washing through the same into the water ; and shall also well and sufficiently cover all such marshy ground with stones, gravel, sand or dirt, so as to raise the same, not less than two feet above the level of the common flood tides as aforesaid, and make and render the whole sufficiently firm, then the above obligation to be void, else to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.”

Else to be laid out into lots, and sold.

III. **And be it further enacted,** That the commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, shall and may, at some convenient time before the last day of February next, cause all the said marshy ground to be laid out into distinct lots, each lot not to contain more than one eighth part of an acre, leaving such convenient streets, lanes, and alleys, as to the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall seem meet ; and that in case the said Thomas Harrison, Alexander Lawson, and Brian Philpot, or either of them, shall neglect or refuse, within the said time of one calendar month, from and after the end of this present session of assembly, to make such election or determination, or to execute such bond as aforesaid, the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall sell and dispose of the said lots, within six months next after the neglect or refusal of the aforesaid Thomas Harrison, Alexander Lawson, and Brian Philpot, respectively, as aforesaid, to the highest bidder, first giving notice of such sale in the Maryland and Pennsylvania Gazettes, sixty days at the least before the same.

And to be part of the town.

IV. **And be it further enacted,** That when the commissioners aforesaid shall have surveyed and laid out the said marshy ground into lots, it shall be, and is hereby declared to be part of Baltimore-town aforesaid, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as fully and amply as if included originally therein, and have the same immunities and privileges as the rest of the said town have, or by former laws ought to have.

Commissioners power to make sufficient conveyances.

On condition.

V. **And it is hereby further enacted,** That upon the sale of any such part or parcels of ground as aforesaid, the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall have full power to make and execute sufficient conveyances in the law, for securing to the purchasers a good and sufficient title in fee-simple to the said lots or parcels of ground, which said conveyances shall be upon an express condition, That in case the purchasers of such lots or parcels of ground, shall not, within eighteen calendar months next after the date of such conveyances, well and sufficiently wharf in and secure all such marshy ground next the water, so by them respectively purchased, with a good and sufficient stone wall, not less than two feet thick, and two feet high at the least from the level of the height of the common flood tides, or with hewed logs of the same height at least from the level of the common flood tides, and shall not make the same sufficiently firm and complete, to prevent any sand, gravel or dirt, from washing through the same into the water, and also well and sufficiently cover all such marshy ground, so by them respectively purchased, with gravel, sand, dirt or stone, so as to raise the same not less than the said height above the said level, and make and render the whole sufficiently firm and secure to erect any buildings thereon, that then it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or the major part of them, to re-enter, and the same to have again.

Purchasers to have liberty to pass thereon with carriages, &c.

VI. **And be it further enacted,** That all and every person or persons whatsoever, purchasing any lot or lots of ground from the commissioners, or the major part of them aforesaid, and all claiming by, from, or under such purchaser or purchasers, shall have free liberty of passing and repassing, by themselves, and their servants and slaves, with carts, horses and carriages of all sorts, over all parts of the said marsh, to the part so purchased, until the first day of January which shall be in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine.

VII. **And whereas,** sundry persons hold small parts of the said miry marsh by lease, for life or years, from the said Thomas Harrison, rendering an annual rent for the same: **Be it enacted,** That unless the said lessees of the said Thomas Harrison,