

- No. 2 An Act to explain an Act relating to Leases made by the Rector Vestrymen and Church wardens of Saint Annes Parish.

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Whereas by an Act of Assembly made and passed at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the sixteenth Day of May one thousand seven hundred and forty seven entitled "An Act repealing an Act of Assembly entitled an Act to enable the Rector Vestrymen and Church wardens for the Time being of Saint Annes Parish in Ann Arundel County to Lease certain Lots in the City of Annapolis in Manner and to the Uses therein mentioned and to enable the said rector Vestrymen and Churchwardens to Lease certain Lots of Land within the said City of Annapolis" Power was given to the said rector Vestrymen and Churchwardens to lease the Lots in the said City numbered respectively fifty nine sixty and sixty one for any Term not exceeding sixty three Years and after the Expiration of the said Term to grant new Leases for the Term of twenty one Years or three Lives. And whereas it is represented unto this General Assembly that since the passing the said Act Leases have been granted by the rector Vestrymen and Churchwardens of the said Parish for the said Lots of Land for the Term of sixty three Years to several Persons who have made very considerable and valuable Improvements on Part of the said Lots and would build on and improve the residue but from Doubts arising whether the original Lessees and Improvers of the said Lots or those claiming under them will be entitled to a Preference when the Time shall arrive for the renewment of the said Leases And whereas it appears to this General Assembly that it would greatly conduce to the Improvement of the said Lots and be agreeable to the Design and Intention of the said Act and consistent with Equity if a Preference were expressly given to the original Lessees and Improvers of the said Lots and their Assigns to renew the Leases for the said Lots after the Expiration of the said Term of sixty three Years for the further Term of twenty one Years or three Lives and in like Manner from Time to Time on the same Terms and Conditions and reservation of Rent and Fine on renewment as are contained in the said Act and Leases to the said Original Lessees Be it therefore Enacted by the right Honorable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that the Rector Vestrymen and Churchwardens of the said Parish for the Time being have full Power and Authority and they are hereby directed and required after the Expiration of the said Term of sixty three Years expressed in the Lease to the Original Lessees of the said Lotts to grant new Leases thereof unto the said Original Lessees or their Assigns or such as may claim by from or under them for the further Term of twenty one Years or three Lives and the same