

domini one thousand seven hundred and five; a commission issued to several commissioners therein named, to hear and determine all differences, claims and demands whatsoever, between any the inhabitants or other persons interested in the lands lying within the county aforesaid, and that the judgments and determinations which should be by them made between party and party, by authority of the same act, should be recorded in a fair book or books to be provided for that purpose, and every such judgment and determination should be signed by three or more of the said commissioners; which book or books, when perfected, were by the said act directed to be placed and intrusted with the clerk of Anne Arundel county, among the records of the said county, that all persons concerned might repair to view the same: And whereas it appears to this general assembly, that there are in the office of the clerk of Anne Arundel county, among the records of the same county, five books of the proceedings and judgments of the said commissioners, containing deeds, and other matters relating to the real estates and interest, as well of many of the inhabitants of the same county as of divers other persons, and which books appear to be fair and clear in the respective entries, and have for forty years last past, and upwards, been taken and deemed as authentic records within this province; and it further appears to this general assembly, that the meetings of the said commissioners were regularly entered in the said records, and the names of the commissioners at all such meetings entered by the clerk of the same court, but that, agreeable to the letter of the said act, three or more of the said commissioners have not signed the respective judgments in the books aforesaid; in order therefore to remove any doubts which may hereafter arise, concerning the validity of the proceedings in the said books of record contained, and the better to establish the same, it is humbly prayed that it may be enacted,

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II. AND BE IT ENACTED, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the authority of the same, That the said five books of records of the commissioners, appointed by commission in virtue of the said act, entitled, An act for the relief of Anne Arundel county, and all persons concerned in the records thereof lately burnt, and the several judgments, deeds and proceedings in them entered, shall be held, deemed, adjudged, construed and taken, as good and effectual in law, as records, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if the same judgments, and every of them, had been signed by three or more of the said commissioners so appointed as aforesaid, or the notice directed by the said recited act had been given, such omission, or any law, usage or custom, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Records confirmed.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to aid the title of purchasers of lots in Princess-Anne-town, in Somerset county. Lib. BLC. fol. 539.

Passed 8th of
June, 1751.

A Supplementary act 1753, ch. 33.

WHEREAS there hath been heretofore, in pursuance of an act of assembly, twenty-five acres of land, then supposed to be the right of one David Brown, situate in Somerset county, laid out into thirty lots, exclusive of the public ground, and erected into a town, called by the name of Princess-Anne-town, many of which lots have been since taken up, and well improved, and others secured though not yet built on, and the court-house, prison, and one of the inspection-houses for the said county, placed on the said public ground in the said town: And whereas some doubt hath arisen concerning the title of the said lots, which are supposed to be escheat unto the right honourable the lord proprietary; for aiding whereof it is prayed that it may be enacted,

Preamble:

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the authority of the same, That where any person or persons have taken up or purchased, or that shall hereafter take up or purchase, any lot or lots, part or parcel of a lot or lots, in the said town, and that shall pay, or cause to be paid, for the use of the said lord proprietary, the sum of twenty shillings sterling money, in silver or gold, for every such lot, and so in proportion for a less part of a lot, to the clerk of the said county for the time being, who is hereby directed and empowered to receive, and he is hereby required to transmit the same to the agent of the said lord proprietary for the time being, and to give the party or parties paying the said money a receipt for the same, and to enrol the said receipt amongst the records of the county court, for which services the clerk shall take and receive of the owner or owners thereof the sum of two shillings and six pence current money, and no more; which sterling money being paid as aforesaid, for the use of the said lord proprietary in manner aforesaid, and the receipt or receipts enrolled as aforesaid, shall invest the owner or owners of such lot or lots, or part of a lot, with a pure, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee-simple, of, in and to such lot or lots, or part of a lot, with the appertinances, so taken up and purchased as aforesaid.

Estate in certain lots vested, &c.

III. AND