

Passed 15th of  
Jan. 1783.

An ACT to confirm certain purchases of confiscated property. Lib.  
TBH. No. A. fol. 238.

Preamble.

Chapter 28.

Sale valid, &c.

WHEREAS the commissioners for the preservation of confiscated British property were empowered, by an act for raising recruits, passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, \* to sell the lands lying in Talbot county, late the property of the heirs of Anthony Richardson, did also proceed to the sale of two tracts, called Richardson's Adventure and Limerick, lying in Caroline county, and doubts have arisen respecting the validity of the latter purchases;

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said sale of the two tracts of land aforesaid shall be as good and valid in law, as if the commissioners aforesaid had had full power and authority to have made the same by the act aforesaid; and that the commissioners, or any one of them, have full power and authority, and they or any one of them is hereby directed, to convey the said two tracts unto Henry Downes, his heirs and assigns for ever.

An ACT for an addition to Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county.  
Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 238.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Benjamin Rogers, Charles Ridgely, (son of John,) Christopher Hughes, Henry Brown, John Mercer Porter, George M'Comdless, Thomas Russell, Robert Moor, David Williamson, Charles Frederick Wiesenthal, John Wells, Jonathan Hudson, John Steret, George Prestman, John Gordon, Thomas Dorsey, John Dorsey, Samuel Chase, William Hammond and David Rusk, by their humble petition to this general assembly have set forth, that they are seized and possessed of part of the following tracts of land, to wit: Howard's Timber Neck; Parker's Haven, Kemp's Addition, and Gilt's Inspection, which said lands and premises lay contiguous to Baltimore-town, and are well calculated for the purposes of commerce and navigation; and that it would tend greatly to the advantage of said town, in case the said tracts of land and premises were laid out into convenient streets, lanes and alleys, and therefore prayed a law might pass for that purpose; and it appearing to this general assembly, that to extend the limits of said town would contribute to promote the trade and commerce thereof,

Land to be surveyed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of Baltimore-town aforesaid, or the major part of them, be authorized and required, at any time before the first day of September next, to cause the aforesaid tracts of land and premises, or such parts thereof as they may think necessary, to be surveyed and laid out into lots, streets, lanes and alleys, at the proper cost and expence of the proprietors thereof, in such manner as to the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall seem convenient.

A plot to be made, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED; That the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them, shall on or before the first day of September next, cause a correct and accurate survey and plot to be made of the said tracts and parcels of land aforesaid so laid out; and of all lots, streets, lanes and alleys, which shall be laid out in virtue of this act; and the said plot shall be recorded amongst the records of said town, as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, there to remain as evidence of the boundaries, situation and location of the said lots, and of the streets, lanes and alleys; which said streets, lanes and alleys, hereafter to be laid out in pursuance of this act, shall be highways, and be so deemed and taken to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and when the same shall be done, the said tracts and parcels of land and premises, so surveyed and laid out, shall be, and is hereby declared to be, part of Baltimore-town, as fully and amply as if included originally therein; and shall have the same immunities and privileges as the said town has, or by former laws ought to have, saving to the state of Maryland, and all bodies politic and corporate, and all persons not mentioned in this act, their several and respective rights.

Proceedings to be recorded, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall, on or before the first day of September next, cause their proceedings to be recorded amongst the records of said town, there to remain as evidence of the boundaries, situation and location of said lots, and of the streets, lanes and alleys aforesaid.

Right in the proprietors, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the several proprietors aforesaid, and their heirs and assigns, shall respectively have the sole and exclusive right and authority, with the approbation and consent of the commissioners