

Books or to keep them in due Repair notwithstanding they have received the full profits and benefits of y^e Severall Offices they were Intrusted with: for remedy whereof for the future and that the records of the severall Offices as aforesaid that stand in need of any Amendments and Reparations may be Speedily and sufficiently amended and repaired in y^e best manner that is Possible at the Charge of the Publick and respective Countys and that after such reparations as aforesaid the Severall Officers and Clerks that shall from time to time be Intrusted with any the Severall Records aforesaid and shall reap the profits and Benefits of such their Offices be Obliged to find good and Sufficient Books for the future and look after and maintain the Recordbooks Committed to their care in such Order and repairation from time to time as they shall receive them. . . .

Be it Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietarie by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upor and Lower houses of Assembly and by the authority of the Same that L^{td} Col^l Samuel Young M^r Joseph Hull M^r Henry Tasker and M^r John Beale or any two or three of them be and are hereby Authorized Impowered and Appointed Commissioners to Inspect into the Severall decay & Defects of all the records of the Land Secretary and Commissarys Offices and to Judge of the Necessary Amendments and repairation thereof and to Employ such Clerks book binders or other persons as appear needfull to them for the Compleating and perfecting the amendments and reparations they shall Judge necessary and to contract and agree on the Behalfe of the Publick with all such persons by them Employed in that Service on the best and easiest Terms they Can for such sum or Sums of Tobacco as they shall Adjudge the Severall persons for their Severall Services may deserve wher summs of Tobacco agreed on as aforesaid shall be paid by the publick to the Severall persons to whom the same become due. . . .

And be further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and with y^e Advice and Consent aforesaid that after the Expiration of three months which shall first happen after the reparations and amendments of y^e records aforementioned are made according to y^e Designes of this Act and y^e true Intent and meaning of such Agreement as shall be made by the Commissioners hereby Authorized and required to make the Same it shall not be Lawfull for the Secretary Commissary their Deputy Officers or under Clerks who shall have the keeping of the Land Secretarys or Commissarys records Committed to them to take upon themselves the keeping of any of the said Records or to receive and apply to their use any of the good profits or benefitts arising from their Severall Offices untill such Secretary or

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