

An Act to enable Proprietors to divide their Lands held in common and undivided.

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted, That the Proprietors of any Tracts of Land within this Province, held by them in common and undivided, shall and are hereby impowered (according to each stated Proposition) to order, improve by fencing and diking, or divide in such Way and Manner as shall be concluded and agreed on by the major Part of the Interested present.

*Cap.
Repealed
His Majesty*

*And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any five or more of the Proprietors of such common Lands shall judge a Proprietor's Meeting to be necessary, they may make Application to a Justice of the Peace within the same County where such Lands lie, for a Warrant for the Calling of a Meeting, expressing the Time, Place, and Occasion thereof; and such Justice is hereby impowered to grant a Warrant for Meeting accordingly, directed to one of the Proprietors, requiring him to notify the Time and Place of such Meeting; which Notification shall be published in the Weekly News-Paper, and posted up in some public Place within the Town or Precinct where the Lands lie, Thirty Days before the Day appointed for the Meeting; and such and so many of the Proprietors as shall be assembled and met accordingly, shall have Power, by a major Vote, to choose a Clerk, to enter and record all Votes and Orders that from Time to Time shall be made and passed in the Proprietors Meetings, or their Committees; which Record shall be open for the Inspection of any of the Proprietors or their Agents, when and so often as they shall require it; and the Clerk or Keeper of said Record, at any Time refusing such Inspection, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for every such Refusal, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, for the Use of the Poor of the Township: And the said Clerk shall be sworn before one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace to the faithful Discharge of his Office; and the said Proprietors to agree upon and appoint any other Way and Method of calling and summoning Meetings for the future, as shall be most suitable and convenient to the Proprietors; and also to appoint a Number of the Proprietors as a Committee for transacting the Business of the Proprietors, as also to pass Orders for the managing, improving by fencing and diking, or dividing such common Lands; the Voices always to be collected and numbered according to the Interests present where the same is known.: *Provided always, That no other Affairs shall be transacted at any Meeting of the Proprietors, than what is expressed in the Warrant or Notification for such Meeting.**